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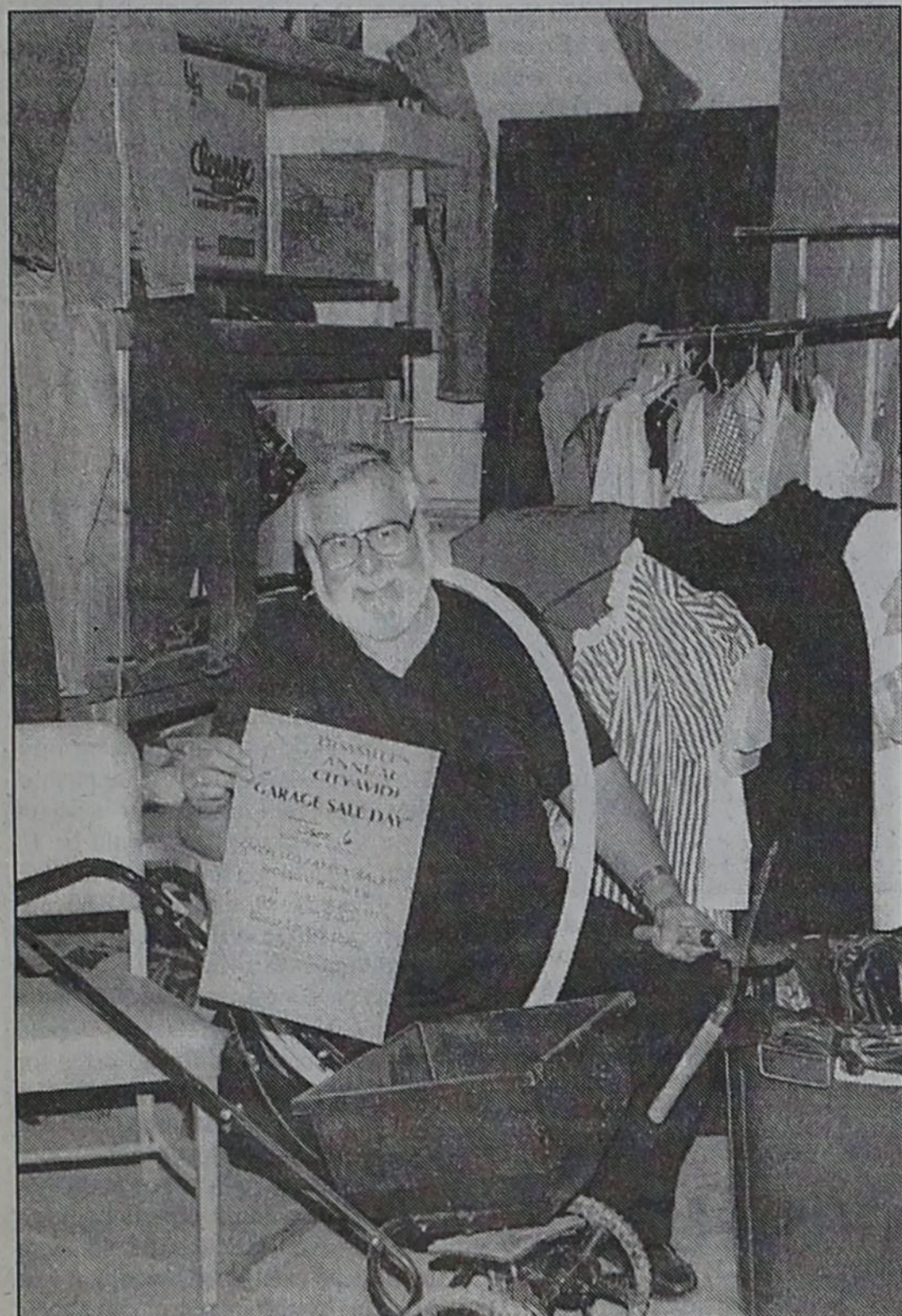
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Saturday is city-wide garage sale day

Hundreds expected to search for bargains here



GOT JUNK? Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Bill Sava holds a sign advertising the 11th Annual City-Wide Garage Sale Day, slated for Saturday in Dimmitt. Over 140 families are participating in garage sales calculated to draw thousands of out-of-town bargain hunters. Sale location lists and maps will be distributed on the courthouse square starting at 8 a.m. Photo by Linda Maxwell

Treasure hunters will converge on Dimmitt Saturday in search of the bargain of the year, and they'll have more than 85 sites to dig for that treasure.

The 11th annual city-wide garage sale is slated for Saturday, and this year's event is expected to draw hundreds of shoppers to the city.

More than 148 families are planning to have garage sales Saturday. Some families have combined their sales, but shoppers will have at least 85 different sales to browse through.

The Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce, which is sponsoring the sale, has rented spaces around the square in Dimmitt, and all spots have been spoken for, according to Dimmitt Chamber Executive Director Bill Sava.

The booths on the square include food booths, out-of-town families who will have a garage sale, and t-shirt and novelty booths.

"At our garage sales around town, we'll have everything from

automobiles to fishing equipment, appliances, furniture—everything," said Sava. "I've noticed we have several group garage sales, like churches. There will be food items available all over town at various sales."

Sava said he's been receiving calls

from people across the region who want to know when this year's sale is, so he expects a large crowd Saturday.

Many local merchants are also planning to have sidewalk sales and hope to attract some of the out-of-town traffic as well.

Maps featuring the location of all sales listed with the Chamber will be handed out to motorists Saturday morning at the intersection of Broadway and Bedford streets, and will also be available at The Pancake House, Dimmitt Market and Thriftway Supermarket.

Hospital budget projects \$11 million in revenues

The hospital board last Thursday night adopted a budget for fiscal 1999 that is admittedly "aggressive" but that includes no salary increases or tax cuts.

Assuming a 12% increase in fees as recommended by the auditors, the new budget anticipates a whopping \$11,075,037 total operating revenue—almost \$3 million more than fiscal 1998 and more than double that of fiscal 1997.

But direct expenses of \$5.4 million, indirect expenses of \$2.4 million, and allowances and bad debts of \$3.9 million are expected to result in a net operating loss of \$654,620.

This operating deficit is expected to be offset by Medicaid Disproportionate Share Funds of \$851,000 and property-tax revenue of \$1.2 million, leaving an anticipated net income of \$1,426,380.

"To me, it looks like an aggressive budget," trustee Jerry Annen commented after Chief Executive Officer Joe Sloan's presentation.

"We were aggressive to the tune of 20% last year," Board Chairman Henry Ramaekers added. "We over-budgeted revenues and overestimated virtually every income account."

"Do you feel that this budget does that, too?" trustee W. J. Hill asked Ramaekers.

"That's like trying to stab a fish in a fishbowl," Ramaekers said.

Asked by the *News* whether the budget would allow a reduction in the hospital district's 35-cent property tax rate, Sloan replied, "I would not recommend lowering the tax rate until we have six months' operating revenue in the bank."

"I don't think there's anyone around this table who doesn't want the taxes to go down," Ramaekers said. "As many things as we've improved and added here, it is going to take a while to get the operating surplus built back up."

"And it has been those improvements that have kept the hospital

open," trustee Carolyn Sides added.

The board was given six budget options to choose from—one with no pay raises and five other options that included payroll hikes of 1% through 5%, with bottom-line adjustments for the raises.

The board adopted the option with no pay raises, reasoning that a recent increase in health-care insurance premiums already had amounted to a 5% raise for all employees.

"With a 5% increase for insurance, if we gave 3% raises, that's 8%, and there's not another business in Castro

County that can give that right now, with inflation at 4%," Ramaekers said.

Several board members indicated they would favor merit increases or performance bonuses over across-the-board pay raises anyway.

Also, as Ramaekers said, "all it would take is a motion" to amend the budget at a later date if it seemed feasible.

The board approved Dr. Hill's motion to adopt the budget "as presented," with no pay raises factored in.

Lions Club Radio Day set Saturday

The annual Lions Club Radio Day will be held Saturday in conjunction with the Dimmitt City-Wide Garage Sale.

Members of the club will take charge of programming at KDHN Radio from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. The various announcers will air commercials for the businesses who are helping sponsor the special event.

Proceeds from the event will benefit the projects of the club.

Welch Home Place dedication is Sunday

A new geriatric psychiatric unit that is drawing patients to Plains Memorial Hospital from hundreds of miles around will be dedicated Sunday afternoon.

It's the Welch Home Place, located in the east wing of the hospital.

The dedication ceremony will be at 3 p.m. Tours of the facility and an open house in the hospital's solarium will follow the dedication service.

Focal point of the dedication will be a large plaque memorializing James and Reta Welch, in whose memory the unit was named after

their tragic deaths in a car-train collision in February 1997 at Sudan.

Welch had been a member of the hospital board 28 years, and Mrs. Welch had been a long-time member and past president of the Plains Memorial Hospital Auxiliary.

Among those expected to be on hand for Sunday's dedication are the Welches' two daughters, Rhonda Nabour of Des Moines, Iowa, and Sharon Welch of Columbia, Mo.; their son, Mark, who is now a member of the hospital board; Mrs.

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Nazareth meeting discusses \$1 million bond proposal

A crowd of about 50 people attended a meeting last Thursday night in Nazareth and heard information about a proposed bond issue for the school.

An election on the \$1 million bond proposal is set for June 13, with early voting already underway. The bond is intended to build a new physical education facility at the school, according to NISD Supt. N. Dean Johnson.

If approved and sold, the bonds would be repaid over 15 years at an estimated 5.3% interest rate. The estimated payment per year would be \$100,710.33. Of that amount, \$75,100 would be paid by the state and the remaining \$25,610 would be paid by local taxpayers.

The proposed facility would include a gymnasium, seating, dressing rooms, and a classroom. Johnson said the board settled on placing the building south of the existing school cafeteria, mainly because of the availability of sewer, gas, water and electricity. Johnson said the janitor's house and bus barn would have to be moved, but other than that, the 152 x 212-foot space should be adequate for the 118 x 182-foot estimates size of the structure.

Johnson and school board members showed a proposed floor plan of the facility. However, Johnson said that the state will allow funding only for seating to accommodate 150 and only two dressing rooms. The proposed plan shows seating for 800

and four dressing rooms. He said other adjustments also may be made to the plans.

Johnson estimated the cost of the extra seating at \$60,000 and the additional dressing rooms at \$55,000. He said those amounts would probably be disallowed by the state in figuring the total cost of the project.

The state has proposed to pay 74.57% of the allowed amount of the project, with the local school district to pay the remaining 25.43%.

For example, if the state would take off \$115,000 (for extra seating and dressing rooms) from the \$1 million cost of the project, that would place the allowed amount at \$885,000. The state funding would cover 74.57% of that amount or

\$659,944.50. The other \$225,055.50 would be provided by the local portion of the bond issue. The additional \$115,000 disallowed by the state would come from local funds.

Johnson stressed several times to the crowd that the bonds would not be issued if the project is not one of those selected for State Facilities Assistance funding. However, he noted that the project could not be selected if it is not submitted.

He said the application deadline is June 15, although the application forms had not been issued from Austin at the time of the meeting. He said if the bond issue passes, it would be at least a year before anything would be started on the project.

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Hart boy declared 'hero' after one-vehicle accident

Nine-year-old Barry Clinton of Hart made the run of his life last Thursday afternoon.

He had been riding with his mother, Deborah Berry Clinton, 48, of Hart, in their 1994 Chevy 1500 sport utility vehicle. They were heading south on FM 168 when the vehicle overturned about seven-tenths of a mile north of Hart. Both passengers were ejected from the vehicle.

Barry ran to the first house on the north edge of town, about one-fourth to a half mile away, to summon aid for his mother.

It was the home of Quincy and Sue Hawkins, and Jeremy, in his 20's, and Justin, in his teens, were home. Jeremy called 911 and took Barry to the home of Hart Police Chief Wayne Johnson. Justin went to the accident scene to stay with Deborah until help arrived.

"He was a very brave little boy," said Johnson, who took Barry back to the accident scene. "He told me his mother was lying on the ground when he left. He seemed to be still in shock."

Both of the Clintons were taken to Plains Memorial Hospital by ambulance. Barry was treated for multiple

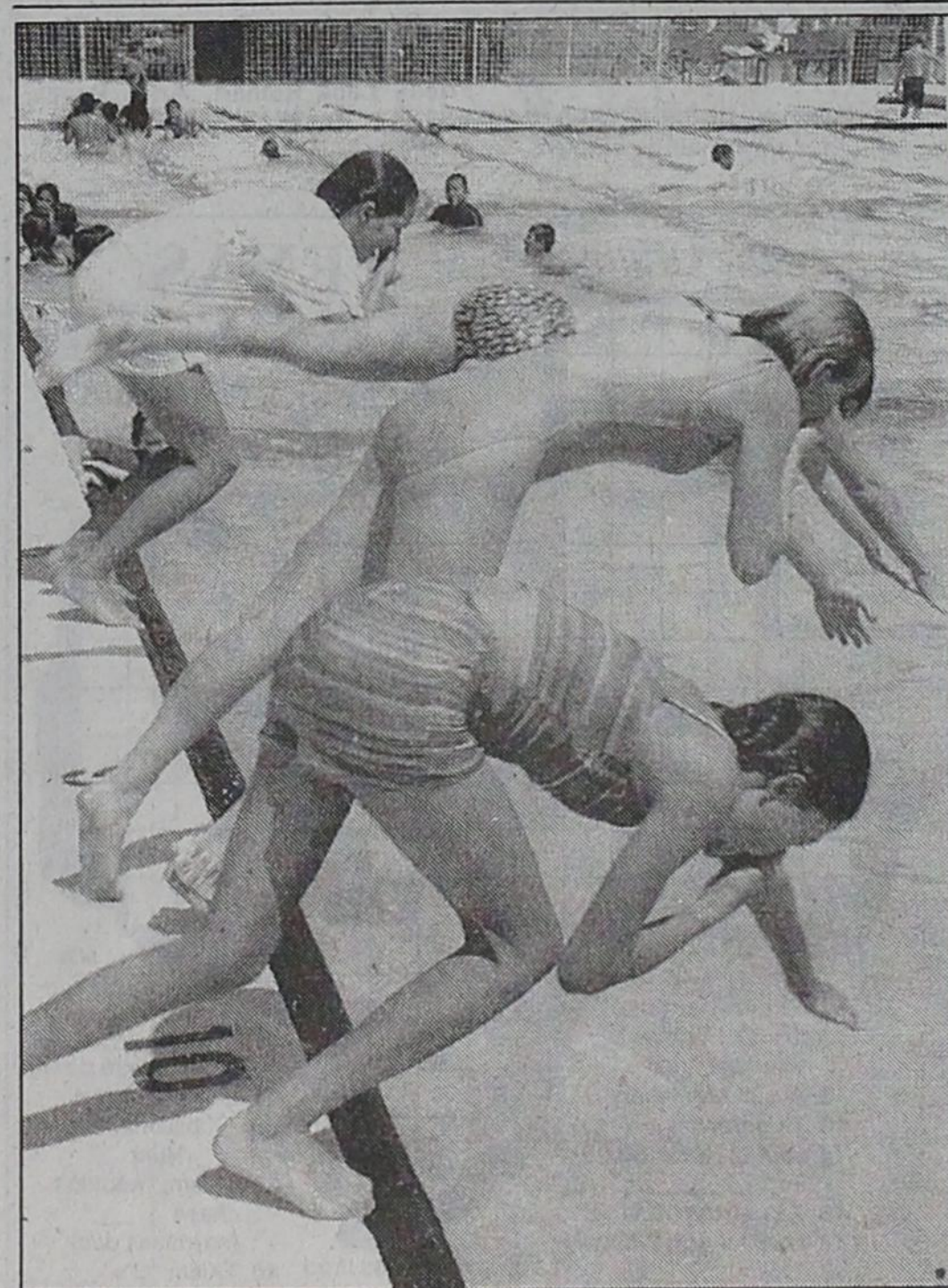
cuts on his legs and hands, and required some stitches. Deborah was treated for multiple cuts and a scrape. She was admitted over night and released the next day in good condition.

Hart EMS rescue workers stabilized the two victims at the scene and they were transported by the Castro County Hospital District EMS. Also responding to the accident scene were Hart Volunteer Firemen, Castro County deputies, and DPS Trooper Keith Smith.

Smith reported that Deborah lost control of the vehicle and it skidded through the north-bound lane into the east bar ditch. It turned over one time and came to rest in a field on the east side of the road. The vehicle had heavy damage. A citation was issued for failure to control speed.

Deborah said that the last thing she remembered was over-correcting the vehicle. Then the next thing she remembered seeing was Hart Police Chief Wayne Johnson talking to her.

As to her son's actions, Deborah said, "I feel like he's a hero. I can't imagine a 9 year old having the presence of mind to go for help. He's a special little boy."



GOING FOR A DIP—(From left) Kendra Martinez, Jami Middleton, Stephanie Burrows and Melissa Rueda take the plunge at the Dimmitt city swimming pool Friday afternoon. Plenty of swimmers have been taking advantage of the opportunity to beat the high temperatures lingering during the past week. Pool hours are 1 to 6 p.m. every day except Mondays. Admission is \$1.25 for under 12, and \$1.50 for 12 and over. Photo by Linda Maxwell

Rodeo and wild west show set this weekend in Nazareth

Some of the best cowboys in the area will be attempting to stay on some of the meanest bulls and broncs around for eight seconds, while others will attempt to rope calves and steers, milk wild cows and more this weekend at the 22nd annual Nazareth

Country Rodeo and Wild West Show.

The annual event will be held at Marvin Schulte's rodeo arena, located five miles east of Nazareth on Highway 86, right behind Elmer's Package Store.

Proceeds from the three-day rodeo will benefit the Nazareth Fire Dept.

Rodeo performances are slated at 7:30 p.m. Friday, 6:30 p.m. Saturday and 3 p.m. Sunday. Admission is \$5 for adults and students in high school and \$2 for students 12 years old to high school age. Children under 12 will be admitted free.

The rodeo is sanctioned by the Texas Cowboys Rodeo Association and stock will be furnished by Maverick Rodeo Company of Tulia.

Events include bareback riding, saddle bronc riding, bull riding, bulldogging, calf roping, barrel racing, team roping, single steer roping, wild horse race, wild cow milking contest, kid's calf scramble and girl's break away roping.

A rodeo dance will be held Saturday from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Nazareth Community Hall, and music will be provided by Southern Sky from Friona.

Local hepatitis rumor is denied

Despite reported rumors, a local restaurant has not had any workers diagnosed with hepatitis.

County Health Officer Dr. Leon Joplin confirmed that no cases of hepatitis have been reported in Dimmitt for at least six months.

Any diagnosis of hepatitis must be reported to the County Health Officer, according to law, and Dr. Joplin said none have been reported.

District Attorney Jerry Mathews said that anyone proven to be knowingly making false statements about a business could be prosecuted under business disparagement or libel law.

Scorching summer heat

	High	Low	Pr.
Thursday	93	55	
Friday	99	62	
Saturday	101	59	
Sunday	102	60	
Monday	92	60	
Tuesday	103	60	
Wednesday	105	60	

May Moisture 0.04
June Moisture 0.00
1998 Moisture 5.40
Temperatures and moisture are recorded each day at 7 a.m. at KDHN Radio, official National Weather Service reporting station.

On the Go with Mary Edna Hendrix, 647-3343

Helen Braafladt was hostess to the Thursday Bridge Club. She served a delicious chicken casserole, gelatin salad and coconut cake. Edith Graef won high score, and Susie Reeves won second. Others playing were Opha Burks, Cleo Forson, Louise Mears, Virginia Crider, and Emily Clingsmith.

Kyle and Ann (Morris) Williams and children, Julie and Tye, were on vacation when their car broke down. Jean Morris and Martha Jo Hyman drove to Fredericksburg to bring them home. They enjoyed touring Fredericksburg while they were

there. It is such a pretty town with so many quaint old shops, antique shops and old churches. Jean played in the river, but Martha Jo just watched.

Curtis and Leigh Durbin and Aubrie and Martha Jo Hyman drove to Seminole for Mother's Day to visit Martha Jo's parents, Roy and Anita Backus, and her brother, Ricky and Cindy Backus.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Hart of Marshall were in Dimmitt for the graduation of their granddaughter, Laura Bradford, and her AFS "sister" Senia Haure, who graduated as well. The

Harts are the parents of Susie Bradford.

Out of town visitors at the museum last week were Lucy Ruiz and Delores Ruiz of Earth and Lupe Galan of Plainview, who came with Priscilla Caballero. Carolyn Sides brought her grandchildren, Kathleen and Ben Sides of Dimmitt, Chloe Watson of Georgetown, and Jacquelin Ebeling of Plainview.

The museum board members held their monthly meeting last Thursday evening with Dale Winders presiding over the business meeting and Clara Vick reading the minutes. Frosted cakes were served to Dale, Clara, Madge Robb, Mary Edna Hendrix and a guest, Darlene Collins.

Thanks to Don Nelson and Darlene Collins for repairing the air conditioner and bringing a fan. Don came in the museum Thursday afternoon and commented how hot it was in the museum, so he came back the next day and repaired the air conditioner. Darlene came to the museum and said, "My, it is hot in here!" She brought a fan. Thanks, Don and Darlene, for caring.

When Carolyn Sides came to the museum and her grandkids wanted to see the fish and couldn't because the water was too dirty, she made plans to do something about that, so thanks to Carolyn.

On April 20, the Senior Class of Dimmitt High School was honored with a fajita dinner at the Fourth and Bedford Church of Christ. Members of the Senior Class and their sponsors, members of the administration, and school board members were treated to fajitas with all the trimmings and dessert. A short challenge was delivered to those present by Harry Riggs, preacher of the local congregation. All of those present enjoyed good food and fellowship.

On May 17, the seniors at the Church of Christ were honored. A special sermon was delivered to inspire the seniors—Jana Nelson, Jill Davis, Heidi Weaver, Amber Matthews, Amy Matthews, Jared Townsend, and Bradley Kinser—as they prepare to leave for further education.

On May 21, the seniors and their parents at the Church of Christ were honored with an ice cream social. The seniors were presented with a set of luggage and a Bible.

Bill and Dee Brisco recently visited in Fountain, Colo., with their son, Rick Yates and family. While

they were there, they took the two grandkids, Sean and Linzy, to North Pole. During their visit, SFC Rick left for a year's tour of duty in Korea.

Bill left on Tuesday to go to Bluffdale, Utah, for the high school graduation of their granddaughter, Nikka Mason.

Shirley Wise and Mildred Bradford of Dimmitt were among more than 12,000 United Methodist Christian women from around the world who gathered in Orlando, Fla., May 14-17.

Driven to advocate for women, children and youth, the women combined prayer and music with political advocacy and justice education for the three-day United Methodist Women's Assembly.

And they didn't go to Florida empty-handed. They took materials to create hundreds of quilts for poor children and truckloads of relief supplies for people who have been displaced by natural disasters and war. They also focused their attention on issues of disadvantaged youth, child welfare, health care, immigration and the situation of the poorest women around the world.

The intense weekend included well-known speaker, top-notch entertainment, hands-on workshops and networking with other participants from around the world.

Gospel singer and songwriter, Cissy Houston, sang with her New Jersey-based gospel choir. Besides being a gospel recording artist, she is the mother of singer Whitney Houston.

Women participated in two of 70 possible workshops, allowing them to investigate issues of concern to them.

The United Methodist Women's Assembly is a quadrennial event sponsored by the Women's Division, General Board of Global Ministries, United Methodist Church. The Women's Division represents United Methodist Women, an organization of one million members. Members raise more than \$25 million a year for programs and projects related to women, children and youth in the US and in more than 100 countries around the world.

Recently, a group from Abilene Christian University was hosted by the First Christian Church of Dimmitt. They had been on a tour through South Texas and New Mexico. The group visited experiment stations and private mining and ranching operations. Prof. Emmitt Miller headed the group that was credited for classwork through the Agriculture and Environment Dept. Terri Beth Teaschner was a member of this group. She will work for the Texas A&M Research Station in Pecos this summer.

The group enjoyed a meal that was furnished and prepared by Glenna Fry and Ruby Teaschner, with Ethel Fry and Karen Hutson assisting. Lorannell Hamilton and the church furnished housing for the group.

The First Christian Church Ladies Council was graciously hosted by Karen Hutson in her home recently. The ladies were treated to a hamburger cookout. Recipes and menus were exchanged. The program was given by Karen Hutson.

Sympathy, get well, and birthday cards were selected and mailed. Those attending enjoyed the fun and fellowship.

Jill Smith has returned to Fort Collins, Colo., after spending the past week with her parents, Robert and Norma Smith. Jill will be teaching biostatistics this summer at Colorado State University. She plans to continue work on her doctorate this fall.

Other visitors to the Smiths during

the week were John and Kelli Smith, Kynzee and Courtney of Plainview. John was selected as teacher of the year for Plainview High School by the faculty. The honor was announced at the annual end of the year banquet for the Plainview schools.

John has been a teacher of algebra and geometry for the past 11 years at Plainview High School. He said his philosophy of teaching is "Treat each student as an individual and make them be the best they can be."

V.C. and Dorothy Hopson recently drove to Lockney to hear J. Rod Fry give his testimony and preach at the Grace Fellowship Church.

J. Rod and Candice Fry of Amarillo are the son-in-law and daughter of Jerry Wooten and Bobby Jack Stewart. They were ordained as ministers to high school age rodeo participants by the International Western World Outreach Center, and they are under the authority of the First Assembly of God Church in Amarillo.

They started their ministry when J. Rod began to attend high school rodeos with their nephew, Cody Fry of Dimmitt, a bareback rider.

J. Rod would pray for the boys and help them mount their horses. From this evolved the "Behind the Chute Ministries."

The Frys were on the way to the Childress High School Rodeo this weekend. They have worship services every Sunday at the rodeo arena for anyone who wants to attend.

J. Rod has baptized several young people during this time.



LARRY BUCHANAN will appear at the Carlile Theatre in Dimmitt Saturday. Courtesy Photo

Nominations needed for Veterans HOF

The annual Texas Panhandle Veterans Hall of Fame Banquet will be held in Pampa on Aug. 21 at 7 p.m. at the Pampa VFW Post Home located at 105 Cuyler Street.

Nominations are being sought of Panhandle veterans who have distinguished themselves in the service of their country.

Those wishing to nominate an individual should submit a short narrative of their life, what branch of service they served in, the awards they received and, if possible, a copy of the citations, plus any copies of newspaper clippings pertaining to the nominee. The narrative should include any contributions the nominee has made to his or her community following any military service.

Nominations must be turned in no later than July 20, and the selection committee will choose those to be honored. Nominations should be sent to: John L. Triplehorn, Panhandle Veterans Hall of Fame, P.O. Box 657, Pampa 79066.

VLS workshops set for students

Catholic Family Services in Dimmitt is offering a series of VLS (Valuable Life Skills) workshops for older students (grades 7-12).

VLS sessions will be held from 1:30 to 4 p.m. for the next two Tuesdays. Refreshments will be served during each session, according to CFS counselor Edna Tucker.

The session for Tuesday will cover money management and how to balance a check book.

Carlile Theatre to host Buchanan

The Carlile Theatre in Dimmitt will present a special concert on Saturday at 7 p.m., featuring Larry Buchanan and the Trayce Brooks Band.

Tickets are \$5 in advance and \$6 at the door. They may be purchased at the Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce office or at the theater or by calling 806-647-2091. Group discounts are available.

Buchanan, a resident of Floyd, N.M., has appeared at the Carlile before and has just completed a tour of the Midwest. He performs traditional cowboy songs, western swing and classic country, as well as original compositions. He will be performing with his own band and also will perform with the Trayce Brooks Band of Albuquerque, N.M.

The Trayce Brooks Band has been performing together for many years and features a 6-year-old champion fiddler.

The show is being sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce and the Carlile Theatre.

The Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce and The Carlile Theatre proudly presents

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Saturday, June 6 at 7 p.m.

For information or to reserve tickets, call 647-2091.

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TWENTY SECOND ANNUAL

Nazareth Country Rodeo & Wild West Show

"The Wildest Rodeo in the Texas Panhandle"

June 5th, 6th & 7th, 1998

Friday 7:30 p.m., Saturday 6:30 p.m., Sunday 3 p.m.

To benefit The Nazareth Fire Department

Rodeo held 5 miles east of Nazareth

at Marvin Schulte's Arena—Right behind Elmer's Package Store

RODEO DANCE

Saturday Night 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Nazareth Community Hall

Music by "SOUTHERN SKY" from Friona, Texas

Rodeo sanctioned by Texas Cowboys Rodeo Association.

Stock furnished by Maverick Rodeo Company, Tulia, Texas. Trophy buckles will be awarded.

Rodeo and Wild West events include: Bareback, Saddlebronc, Bull Riding, BullDogging, Calf Roping, Barrell Racing, Team Roping, Single Steer Roping, Wild Horse Race, Wild Cow Milking, Kid's Calf Scramble, Girl's Break Away Roping

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12 yrs. to High School, \$2

High School and up, \$5

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The Welch Home Place

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in memory of James and Reta Welch

on Sunday, June 7, 1998

beginning at 3 p.m.

in Plains Memorial Hospital

310 West Halsell Street

Dimmitt, Texas

Dedication Ceremony at 3 o'clock

Open House until 4 o'clock

Reception until 5 o'clock

People



Booths offered for craft show held during German Festival

The 26th annual Nazareth German Festival will be held July 11, and the Nazareth Art Club is currently accepting reservations for booth space at its arts and crafts show.

The show is held each year in conjunction with the German Festival.

The arts and crafts show will be open from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. in the Nazareth School Cafeteria. The 8x10

booths may be reserved for \$20, and each booth includes a table and two chairs.

Those reserving space should specify their preference for a wall or center booth, should state if they need the table, and must specify what will be featured in their booth. Booths will be assigned on a first-come basis, and money must be received before a booth will be reserved.

The deadline to reserve a booth is July 4. Checks should be made payable to the Nazareth Art Club.

For more information contact Rose Mary Wilhelm, HCR 2, Box 13, Nazareth 79063, phone (806) 945-2583; or Lucille Drerup, Box 3, Nazareth 79063, phone (806) 945-2562.

The annual German Festival features a German sausage meal from 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., and a variety of entertainment throughout the afternoon.

Also held that day will be the Suds and Sounds outdoor benefit concert and the Nazareth Community Center.

The concert features several area bands as well as a top headliner. Bands begin performing at 6 p.m.

Proceeds from the event go to the Nazareth Community Hall and the Knights of Columbus Deaf Program.



Lisa Diane Peralez-Reynolds gets RN degree

Lisa Diane Peralez-Reynolds of Lubbock graduated from the Lubbock Methodist Hospital School of Nursing Advanced Credit Program on Friday with her RN degree.

The daughter of Arnold and Dalia Peralez of Dimmitt, she is a 1990 graduate of Dimmitt High School and the granddaughter of Fane Peralez.

She was one of 14 students accepted in the advanced credit program. She has been working at University Medical Center as an LVN in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit. She will remain in the unit as an RN.

Josselet, Gleghorn wed in double-ring ceremony

Mr. and Mrs. Justin Finis Gleghorn are home in Manhattan, Kan., after they were wed May 8 in a double-ring ceremony at Ransom Canyon.

The bride is the former Kara Dechelle Josselet, daughter of Joe and Pam Josselet of Dimmitt. Parents of the groom are Dwight and Jolene Gleghorn of Dimmitt.

The pair exchanged vows in a double-ring ceremony at the Little Chapel of Brookhollow in Ransom Canyon. Randy Gressett officiated at the ceremony.

Approaching the chapel, guests walked about 500 feet along a brick pathway that winds around the lake and gardens of beautiful blooming flower beds filled with iris, lilies, roses and wildflowers, and Ponderosa pines, willows, crabapple and oak trees.

A bricked courtyard featuring a stone fountain in front of a huge Gothic window graces the entrance to the chapel. The Gothic window can be viewed from inside the chapel.

The chapel was decorated by friends of the bride, Treena and Tory Matthews. On each side of the Gothic window were corkscrew pillars which held large silk floral arrangements of burgundy, ivory and peach.

The bride entered through large folding doors at the back of the chapel. Spiral votive candle holders were decorated with greenery and rosebuds in the same colors as the bride's nosegay, and they flanked the doorway.

Music was provided by harpist Carol Short Reid of Levelland.

Given in marriage by her parents, the bride wore a white crepe sheath floor-length gown with an extended train designed by Alfredo Angelo. The dress featured a sleeveless v-neck bodice with white pearls and iridescent beads.

Her veil was a single-layer mid-length design featuring hand-rolled satin edging and scattered buckshot pearls.

For "something old," the bride wore her Great-Grandmother Medley's diamond earrings. The earrings had been presented to Mrs. Medley by her daughter, Inez Medley Mobley, who is the bride's grand-



MR. AND MRS. JUSTIN FINIS GLEGHORN
... She's the former Kara Dechelle Josselet

mother. The bride "borrowed" her mother's pearl necklace, which had been a gift to her mother from her father on their wedding day. "Something blue" was a garter given to her by her sister, Renae Josselet.

Maid of honor was Renae Josselet, who was escorted by the bride's brother, Brent Josselet.

Bridesmaids were Amy Fuller of Lubbock, Brittany Sheffy of College Station, Kori Ellis of Lubbock and Amy Ethridge of Amarillo.

The bridal attendants wore hand-made, floor-length sheaths of ivory satin slip and chiffon overlay. The gowns featured a heart-shaped neckline with spaghetti straps. Each wore a pearl necklace given to her by the bride.

Best man was Stephen Bezner of Texline. Groomsmen were Brady Nelson of Lubbock, Dalton Nix of Midland, Zach Smith of College Station and Shad McDaniel of Kilgore. The groomsmen received a special pen set, made by Jim Wright, from the groom.

A reception was held immediately following at the Lubbock Club. Music was provided by Music to the Maxx of Lubbock.

The couple enjoyed a wedding trip to Santa Fe, N.M., following the reception.

The bride's traveling attire was a black floor-length dress.

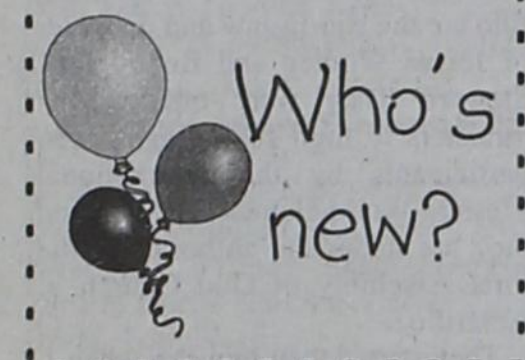
The bride, a graduate of Dimmitt High School, will continue her education, pursuing a degree in fashion design at Kansas State.

The groom is a 1997 graduate of Texas A&M University, and he will begin working on his master's degree during the first summer session this June at Kansas State.

Out-of-town guests at the wedding were Charlene Jarratt, the groom's grandmother; Celia Cain of Quinlan; Pearl Gleghorn Cook of Lubbock, grandmother of the groom; Linda and Tori Gleghorn of Lubbock; the groom's sister and her family, Kim and Robert Watson, Josh and Brendan of Olathe, Kan.; the groom's sister, Kay Gleghorn, and Wayne Flores of Bedford; Jack Gleghorn and Shirley of Lamesa; Jessica Jarratt of Billings, Mont.; Inez Mobley and Hope Josselet of Haskell, the bride's grandmothers; Brenda and Clinton Baccus of Mansfield; David and Jackie Josselet of Abilene; Ron, Brenda, Amber and Blake Josselet of Austin; Joe Ellis, JoAnne, Ty, Clay and Jay Jackson of Springer, N.M.; Graham, Karen and Chase Sheffy of College Station; Johnny and Kathy Ethridge of Dumas; Jesse Eversole, April Adams, Levi Berry and Cassie Abney, all of College Station; Sheri Smith and Tryon Wickersham of Bryan; Brandon Risley of Amarillo; and Carrie Bradley of Lubbock.

Eskimos believe their kayaks won't capsize if they carry an ivory doll with them.

Our world "alphabet" comes from alpha and beta, the first two letters of the Greek alphabet.



PLAINS MEMORIAL
Martha Martinez and Ramon Enriquez of Dimmitt are the parents of a baby girl, Anyssa Raquel Enriquez, born at 8:01 a.m. on May 27 at Plains Memorial Hospital in Dimmitt. She weighed in at 7 lbs., 5-1/4 ozs., and was 21 inches long. She has a big brother, Anthony Enriquez, 8. Paternal grandparents are Rafael and Rafaela Enriquez of Dimmitt. Maternal grandparents are Manuel and Connie Martinez of Dimmitt. Great-grandparents are Johnathan and Maria Flores of San Jose, Calif., and Jessie Silva of Dimmitt.

Fidensio and Elizabeth Pena of Dimmitt are the parents of a baby boy, Rodrigo Jose, who was born May 18. He weighed 8 lbs., 4 ozs., and was 21 inches long. He has two older brothers, Vicente, 2, and Fidensio Pena, Jr., 5, of Lubbock. Paternal grandparents are Luis and Elvira Pena of Nazareth. Maternal grandparents are Rafael and Margaret Guajardo of Amarillo. Great-grandmother is Juana Guajardo of Dimmitt.

Pope named to dean's list

Melanie Denise Pope of Dimmitt has been named to the dean's list at Sam Houston State University for the spring 1998 semester.

The dean's list at Sam Houston includes all full-time students having grade-point averages of 3.5 and above. A perfect record averages 4.0.

Wedding shower honors newlyweds

Sidney Crow Joiner, bride of Cory Joiner, was feted with a wedding shower Saturday at the home of Mary Jo Brown in Dimmitt.

Parents of the bride are Willys K. Lamb of Wildorado and Betty Lamb of Canyon. The groom is the son of Dwight and Beth Joiner of Dimmitt.

Guests were greeted at the door by the honoree and Beth Joiner.

The 40 hostesses assisting Mrs. Brown with the shower presented the honoree with a set of their chosen dinnerware and cookware from the Village Shop.

Refreshments included "melt-in-

your-mouth" pound cake, served with strawberries. Pineapple sparkling punch was served in a contemporary crystal punch bowl on a table decorated with a white damask cloth. Sage green candles in crystal points interwoven with pears and greenery served as the centerpiece. Moss green and lavender paper silk napkins completed the decor.

Special guests included Mary Lou Joiner of Hereford, and Jenny and Autumn Crow of Amarillo, daughters of the bride.

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GLADS FOR GRADS—As Hart High School's new graduates were escorted off the stage by marshals Ysa Rodriguez and Efrain Salazar during Friday night's recessional, class sponsors Reba Elam and

Euva Skiles presented them with individual gladioli spears to go with their new diplomas. The grads, in turn, presented the flowers to their parents. It's a custom in HHS.
Photo by Don Nelson



Here are the breakfast and lunch menus for Dimmitt for June 8-12.

DIMMITT
Morning Supplemental Snack
MONDAY: Hamburger snack, orange wedges and milk.
TUESDAY: Assorted muffins and apple juice.
WEDNESDAY: Celery stuffed with peanut butter and pecans and milk.
THURSDAY: Summer egg snack, fruit cocktail and apple juice.
FRIDAY: Cowboy bread and milk.

Lunch
MONDAY: Hot dog on a bun with cheese, pork and beans, potato salad and milk.
TUESDAY: Beef taco, refried beans, Arroz Mexicano, taco condiment salad and milk.
WEDNESDAY: Hoagie submarine sandwich, potato rounds, hamburger salad and milk.
THURSDAY: Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes and gravy, savory peas, white hot rolls and milk.
FRIDAY: Sloppy Jane on roll, potato wedges, fruited gelatin, hot wheat rolls and milk.

Council approves grant process for Tel-A-Tend

The Dimmitt City Council voted Monday night to lend its support to local efforts to obtain Tel-A-Tend services for Castro County.

District Attorney Jerry Matthews and his secretary, Angie Gomez, told the council about the Tel-A-Tend program and said they will submit a grant application to the Panhandle Regional Planning Commission for help in setting up the program.

Gomez said she is writing the grant application for the full program cost of \$8,500, which will include purchase of a computer and 24-hour technical support.

She said the Tel-A-Tend program is similar to Life Line, but there is no charge to those who participate. Participants fill out an information form with their name, address, medications, allergies and the name of a contact person in case of an emergency.

The Tel-A-Tend system will automatically dial the participant's telephone at designated intervals, up to five times per day. When the participant answers, a recorded message is played. The participants choose what times the system will call them.

"It can be a reminder to take medications or it can be a greeting recorded from a loved one," Gomez said. "It can even be tailored for special occasions such as birthdays."

Once the recorded message is played, a system monitor can speak with the participant if needed or the participant can enter a special code signaling that help is needed. If the system receives no answer from the participant's phone after several attempts, the system will automatically dial the contact person specified. If the contact person is not available, the system will dial the nearest law enforcement entity and relay information on the participant's name, location, and health conditions.

"If participants are going to be gone, they may notify Tel-A-Tend," Matthews said.

Gomez said the program is useful for the elderly and disabled who wish to remain in their own homes but want the reassurance of someone checking on them regularly. She said it could also be used for someone in an isolated area who worries about security.

Gomez said the grant will set up the system software, provide the fliers to be mailed out to prospective participants, provide training for a system operator, and pay the first year's phone expense.

Gomez said she is slated to speak with the city governments in Hart and Nazareth to get their support in the grant process. She said that since the law enforcement entities are involved in the program at the emergency end, their approval also is needed.

In other business, the council approved a reciprocal agreement between participating cities in the Panhandle that will allow electricians licensed in one city to also be licensed in other cities. The City of Amarillo has agreed to supply at no cost copies of the examination it uses to license electricians.

Mayor Wayne Collins gave the council an update on the economic development projects the city has been working on. He said that Link Dairy should have clearance soon for a 700-head operation.

In discussing other business, council member Gloria Hernandez asked whether the city could look into putting restrooms back in the city park.

City Manager Don Sheffy said the restrooms were taken out years ago due to vandalism.

Collins suggested that Sheffy get some cost estimates on what it would cost to put in new ones.

4-H'ers to tour Nazareth dairy

Castro County 4-H'ers will tour Sun Rise Farms Dairy in Nazareth on June 25, and those interested in attending should contact the Extension office.

The field trip is open to all Junior I and Junior II 4-H'ers in Castro County and their parents.

The group will leave from the county courthouse in Dimmitt at 8 a.m.

They will tour the dairy and watch a milking session and dairy video. The group will return to the courthouse for lunch, which will feature dairy products and dairy snacks.

Activities have been planned after lunch as well.

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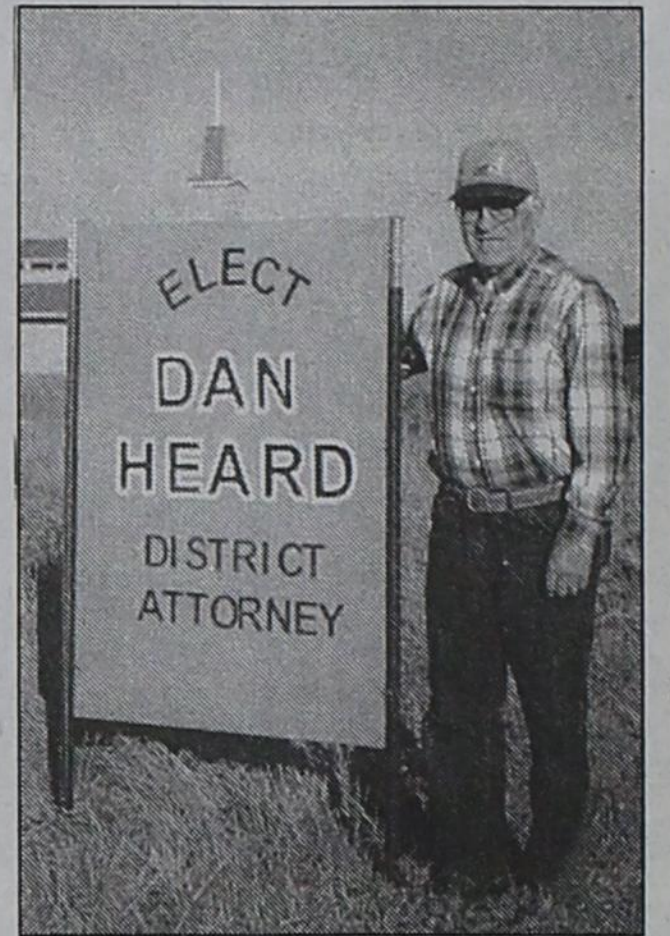
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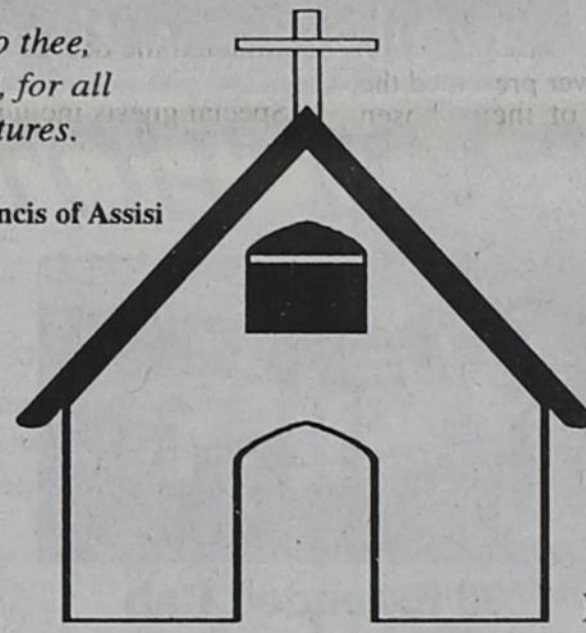
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Free pesticide safety classes are scheduled

Alfred Villarreal, a pesticide safety trainer and member of AmeriCorps, will hold three free classes on pesticide safety training for farm workers in the Dimmitt area.

Each session of interactive instruction will last only 45 minutes to an hour, and only one session needs to be completed. Those completing a session will be issued an official EPA Worker Protection Standard Training Handler Verification card, valid for five years.

Sessions are set for Friday at 6:30 p.m. at the Azteca Community Complex, next Thursday at 5 p.m. at the Precinct 2 County Barn, and June 17 at 9:30 a.m. at the WIC office at 113 W. Bedford.

The training will cover how and where pesticides can be found, the symptoms of pesticide poisoning,

health risks, first aid procedures for pesticide poisoning, protective clothing, avoiding contamination, restricted entry intervals, pesticide container disposal, pesticide safety information sheets, worker rights to pesticide information, and the responsibilities of employers and workers.

Trainers are bilingual and will provide all documentation, verification and training materials.

The training program is sponsored by AmeriCorps, "the domestic Peace Corps," a national-level government program. It is offered in association with the Motivation, Education & Training (MET) office in Plainview.

Villarreal will be one of the instructors, and may be assisted by Francisca Vargas. They are certified by the Texas Dept. of Agriculture.



Ronnie Lance

Lance is appointed

Ronnie E. Lance has been appointed to the position of general manager for Insurance Solutions, Inc., an Independent Agency providing its clients with all lines of insurance from over 30 different carriers.

A life-long resident of Hereford, Lance has served Insurance Solutions, Inc. in various roles since November 1993.

Most recently, he served as sales manager/technology coordinator and was charged with overseeing sales and technology in the various company offices.

County crops need moisture

By JOHNNA PATTERSON
County Extension Agent-IPM

We had a few sporadic showers in the area this week. It really didn't do a lot of good, but at least it gave us a taste of moisture.

The bad news, however, is that the weather man isn't calling for moisture at all in the coming days.

The recently planted crops are doing very well right now. Warm weather and irrigation water are really causing the plants to shoot up. If you do not have irrigation, however, you are probably in a world of hurt.

Dryland wheat, in my opinion, is beyond help. Irrigated fields are still doing pretty well, but the dryland is burning up.

Corn should be in the four to six leaf stage. The following are the current growing degree days (GDD) and soil temperatures for corn from the Dimmitt and Earth PET weather stations.

EARTH PET—MAY 27				
Planting Date	GDD	2" Soil Temp	6" Soil Temp	
4/1	780	66	70	
4/15	624			
5/1	470			
5/15	241			

DIMMITT PET—MAY 27				
Planting Date	GDD	2" Soil Temp	6" Soil Temp	
4/1	766	68	71	
4/15	614			
5/1	469			
5/15	246			

Cotton continues to emerge and is doing quite well at present. With the exception of some thrips damage, we haven't seen many problems as of yet.

The following list will give you accumulated heat units.

EARTH PET—MAY 27		
Planting Date	GDD	
5/1	350	
5/15	186	

DIMMITT PET—MAY 27		
Planting Date	GDD	
5/1	338	
5/15	183	

Everyone needs rainfall. Hopefully things will come together right in the next week, and we will get some.

Guess we can blame this on El Niño like everything else.

Disease and insect pressure remains relatively low. Spider mites are still being found in corn, and thrips are pouring off of wheat.

The new cotton seedlings are already showing some injury from thrips. An at-plant insecticide will probably prove to be a good investment this season.

CORRECTION to last week's newsletter: Boll weevils were not found in Castro County, only Lamb County, last week.

The Texas Agricultural Experiment Station boll weevil grid traps continue to catch weevils in Lamb County. We also caught nine weevils in Integrated Pest Management scouting program traps in Lamb County this week.

Beet armyworms

This week's trap catches again are showing an increase in the number of moths over the last week. Keep your eyes open for white fuzzy/cottony looking egg masses.

Date	Trap #1	Trap #2
5/12	70	57
5/19	99	81
5/25	181	141

Southwestern corn borers

As of May 26 we have three southwestern corn borer traps out. There will be at least five more out by next week.

Date	Avg. # of moths per trap
5/26	25

Corn earworm

Currently, there are five corn earworm/cotton bollworm traps out. There will be more added this week. One trap this week on the east side of Hart caught the majority of the moths with 224. The other four traps had 41 between them.

Date	Avg. # of moths per trap
5/26	53

IPM program operations

Sarah Templeton was hired this week as our third scout. She is a graduate of Springlake-Earth High School and is new to the program.

Amy Matthews of Dimmitt and Heather Braddock of Nazareth were recently hired as AgriPartners Demonstration Technicians. These two will assist Rebel Royall and myself in running traps, evaluating and maintaining test plots and in completing cotton plant mapping this season.

Fields are currently being scouted. It will take about a week to get everything ironed out and get a routine down. Please remember to make sure and contact the office and/or these scouts when pesticide applications are made on your fields. We do not want any of our scouts or technicians to be accidentally injured by pesticides.

Hospital board urges staff to trade at home

Those who make purchases for the hospital district got the message from the hospital board last Thursday night: Trade at home.

"I think we should do everything in our power to buy as much as possible locally, or at least give our local business community a chance," Board Chairman Henry Ramaekers said.

"Governmental units are businesses that have the most to gain by doing business at home," Ramaekers added.

Administrator Joe Sloan agreed. "The cheapest vendors do not always represent the lowest cost," Sloan said. "There's value added in buying locally."

"I believe that if we show loyalty to our businesses, they'll show loyalty to us and will treat us right," Ramaekers said.

Other board members nodded their agreement.

Ramaekers said he was mainly addressing everyday purchases.

"I'm not talking about bidden

items," he said. "When you go out for bids, you're going for the best price, and local businesses should have a fair shot."

The trade-at-home topic was on the board agenda as a "Discussion of Purchasing Policy."

However, Ramaekers said, "We don't really need a policy written, just as long as the staff knows how we feel."

Dimmitt students graduate from SPC

Six Dimmitt students received their diplomas during South Plains College's 40th commencement exercises on May 15.

Those graduating were Mel Rivera, Kyle Brandon Joiner, Kimberly Roysell Thomas, Kori Marie Ellis Bagley and Michelle Ann Flores.

Rivera received an associate of applied science degree in automotive service technology while Joiner received the degree in sound technology.

Bagley earned a certificate of proficiency in cosmetology and Flores received the certificate in licensed vocational nursing.

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Farm Service Agency Update

By TRISH ELLIOTT
FSA County Executive Director
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Native pasture is now considered a forage crop under NAP and therefore requires an acreage report that is subject to spot checks. Small grain grazing is considered to be timely filed if the acreage is reported two weeks prior to grazing. Notification of loss must be completed within 15 days of the date of the disaster or the date damage becomes apparent. Production history must be provided with supporting documentation. The final date to request benefits is the crop reporting date of the year following the year of the disaster.

Acreage in the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) must be reported by July 15 to be eligible for annual rental payments. Producers are reminded that all payments coming from the FSA office will be made by direct deposit (electronic funds transfer) beginning Jan. 1, 1999. During the next acreage certification period (by July 15), we will be asking producers to sign the request (SF-1199A) and to provide FSA with a voided check so bank routing and account numbers can be determined. Producers are asked to bring a blank voided check the next time they visit the FSA office. Producers were recently mailed letters concerning tract acreage and yield reallocation. FSA is improving farm records by correctly associating proper acreages and yields to specific individual tracts on your farm. Producers are encouraged to read the explanation letter carefully. Producers have until Tuesday to make changes in the distribution of tracts. If you have any questions concerning this matter, contact the FSA office. To protect payments, producers should notify the FSA office by Aug. 1 if any of the following occur on their farm:

- * Sale of land.
- * Change of operator or producer.
- * Foreclosure, bankruptcy, or involuntary loss of the farm after an advance payment has been made.
- * Change in producer shares to reflect changes in shares originally approved on the contract.

We are past the fall seeded crop certification deadline of May 15 and we are getting ready to begin taking spring seeded crop reports. The final date to certify these crops without a late filing fee is July 15. We are mailing appointment post cards to schedule these reports. If your report date does not work for you, please call (806) 647-2153 and reschedule. Measurement service is still available at a nominal fee.

To be eligible for price support loans or loan deficiency payments, you must certify the acreage of the crop for which the loan and/or loan deficiency payment is requested. This could become very important if the market prices remain low or get even lower. The 1998 wheat loan rate is \$2.63 per bushel. The NAP program is designed to assist in a time of loss for those crops that are not insured, such as vegetables or forage crops. To be eligible, an acreage must be established in which a 35% or greater loss due to natural disasters has occurred. Next, the crops inside the area must individually suffer at least a 50% loss to be considered eligible. All crops must have reported timely during the year.

4-H Council to meet June 30
 The Castro County 4-H Council will meet June 30 at 6:30 p.m. in the courthouse, and new officers will be elected at the meeting. The council also will discuss plans for the upcoming awards banquet, county camp and 4-H club officers' training.

Richardson Elementary School in Dimmitt recently announced the third grade award winners for the 1997-98 school year. The children are given awards for A honor roll, citizenship, and the hardest workers. Year-end awards are perfect attendance and A honor roll.

Mrs. Axtell
 Honor Roll—Chelsae Buckley, Jessie Lara, Scott Martinez, Micaela Salinas.
 Hardest Worker—Micaela Salinas.
 Citizenship—Cassandra Garcia, Jessie Lara, Scott Martinez, Tabatha McAlister, Micaela Salinas.

Mrs. Bain
 Honor Roll—Anna Brockman, Victoria Sanchez, Dana Sandoval.
 Hardest Worker—Anna Brockman, Randi Cates, Dana Sandoval.
 Citizenship—Anna Brockman, Kirsti Edwards, Roxanne Martinez, Eloy Salinas.

Mrs. Koch
 Honor Roll—Clarissa Sanchez, Brandy Smith, Daniela Zepeda.
 Hardest Worker—Jessica Castillo, Raul Casa, Jason Dones, Julia Falcon, Joslyn Harmonson, Jorge Olmos, Roger Ramirez, Clarissa Sanchez, Mary Sanchez, Brandy Smith, Daniela Zepeda.
 Citizenship—Jessica Castillo, Joslyn Harmonson, Carmen Pena, Clarissa Sanchez, Mary Sanchez, Brandy Smith, Angelica Zambrano, Daniela Zepeda.

Mrs. Merritt
 Honor Roll—Celena Gregory, Haley Lunsford, Samantha Howell.
 Hardest Workers—Jerry Acevedo, Samantha Howell.
 Citizenship—Thelma Medrano.

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 Honor Roll—Edith Velasquez, Gladys Ruiz, Lorena Mendoza.
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 Citizenship—Judith Meraz, Jaime

Show steer validation set June 18
 Show steers owned by Castro County 4-H'ers will be validated at the Dimmitt FFA Ag Farm at 8 a.m. on June 18, and some changes have been implemented for the coming year. This year, blood samples will be required from every steer which will be validated in the county. Local veterinarian Dr. W.J. Hill will take all the blood samples from steers during the validation on June 18. It is required that all exhibitors and their parent or guardian be present during validation. Parents who cannot be present must come by the Extension office and fill out a "Hold Harmless Agreement" form before June 18. Steer exhibitors will be charged a \$12 fee for each animal validated.

RES honors third graders

4-H fire safety series to begin
 The first of three fire safety classes will be held Tuesday at the South Park on Butler Blvd. in Dimmitt (south of Dairy Queen), and all 4-H'ers planning to attend are asked to notify the Extension office. A limited number of participants will be accepted in the classes, according to Extension agents. Stanley Maurer will conduct the series of classes. He has planned fun activities and will offer useful information. The second class will be held Tuesday, June 23, at 10 a.m. Call the Extension office for the location of this class.

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Sports



All-District baseball selections recognized

Zack Matthews of Dimmitt High School was named to the first team, and three other Bobcat Varsity baseball players won honorable mention in the 1-3A All-District selections announced recently.

Matthews, a senior, was named first team outfielder.

Chosen for honorable mention were Michael Pedroza, Sergio Pedroza, and Sammy Prieto.

Other area players chosen for first team honors included: Fikac of River Road, MVP; Trey Duke of Perryton and Adam King of River Road,

pitchers; Tanner Alexander of Perryton, catcher; Haynes of Friona and Dear of Perryton, first base; Golden Littlefield of River Road, Reynolds of Perryton, Cory Carr of Sanford-Fritch, and Layne Kemp of Muleshoe, infield; Wolf of Sanford-Fritch, Matt McClanahan of Muleshoe, and Pinion of Perryton, outfield; Rodney Alaniz of Muleshoe, utility fielder; and Caldwell of Perryton, designated hitter.

Second team honors went to: Tyson Shapley of Sanford-Fritch and Gomez of Dalhart, pitchers; Purdy of

Muleshoe, catcher; Lang of Dalhart, first base; Madrid of Perryton, Mata of Friona, Burrows of Tulia, and Farmer of Sanford-Fritch, infield; Spear of Dalhart, Kinard of River Road, Reed of Sanford-Fritch, and Ellis of Friona, outfield; Henderson of Sanford-Fritch, utility fielder; and Ricci of River Road, designated hitter.

Schmucker earns award

Melinda Schmucker of Nazareth is one of two Texas Tech University students who received the W.W. Windy Nicklaus Memorial Scholarship.

The award, given by the Amarillo chapter of the Red Raider Club, recognizes the top female and male athletes in the Panhandle Region.

Jaret Greaser won the boy's award. In her second season as a Lady Raider, Schmucker led Tech in assists with 148. She set a school and NCAA tournament single game record when she dished out 17 assists against Grambling during the NCAA Midwest Sub-Regional.

Schmucker started in all 31 of Tech's games, averaging 3.5 points and 2.5 rebounds per outing. Schmucker will be one of four returning starters for Tech next season.

Greaser, a graduate of Amarillo High, hit 16-of-17 extra point attempts and 5-of-9 field goal attempts before he suffered a broken leg in the first half of the Raiders' game with Nebraska last year. He was an academic All-Big 12 first-team selection and made the Big 12 Commissioner's Honor Roll during the fall semester.



THREE-ON-THREE CHAMPS—This group of Dimmitt youngsters won the Lazbuddie 3-on-3 Tournament last weekend. Members of the team are (from left) Jordan Bell, Tucker Self, Matthew Larra and Jared Bell.

Courtesy Photo

Basketball camps set in Dimmitt

Boys and girls through the eighth grade can develop and improve their basketball skills by attending a camp in Dimmitt this summer.

The annual Dimmitt basketball camps will be held June 15-19, and those interested in signing up should contact Coach Alan Steinle at 647-5329 or Coach Chris Edwards at 647-5293.

There will be two sessions for boys. The first will be from 8:30 to 11 a.m. and it will be for boys through the fourth grade. The second session will be for boys in the fifth through eighth grades, and it will be held from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Steinle will direct both camps.

The girls' camp will run from 8:30 to 3:30 p.m. and will be run by Edwards.

Camp participants will learn fundamental basketball skills and will receive a t-shirt for their registration fee.

Registration will be accepted the first day of camp.

Cleveland Memorial Golf Tournament is this weekend

The fourth annual Kenneth Cleveland Memorial Scholarship Golf Tournament will be held Saturday and Sunday at the Country Club of Dimmitt.

The two-man low-ball tournament will offer cash prizes for first, second and third place teams in each flight.

Cost to enter the tournament is \$65, and that includes a cart for both days.

Golfers interested in playing the tournament should call the Country Club at 647-4502.

"Coach Cleveland was such an important part of this community for many, many years," said Shelly Nutt, a tournament volunteer. "We want to invite and encourage Kenneth's former basketball players, fellow coaches and friends to participate in this worthwhile event, as well as any interested golfers."

Even though the scholarship fund does not receive any of the entry fees, funds are raised during the tour-

namment through sponsorships. A hole sponsorship is \$200 for hole numbers 1 and 9, and 10 and 18. All other holes may be sponsored for \$100. Sponsorships are available on a first-come, first-serve basis, and after all the holes are sponsored, sponsorships then will be used for the meal, the putting green, the driving range and others.

Those who wish to renew their sponsorship should make checks payable to Kenneth Cleveland Scholarship Fund and mail them to First United Bank, PO Box 929, Dimmitt, Texas 79027. New sponsors, or those who would like more information about being a sponsor, should contact Nutt at 647-4224.

A \$10,000 hole-in-one contest will be held on hole number 6, and other contests will be held on other Par 3 holes.

Tournament organizers also have planned several other activities during the weekend.

DMS recognizes top honor students

Dimmitt Middle School students were recognized for making the A honor roll throughout the year and for earning top honors in various subjects during the fourth nine-week grading period.

Seventh grade honor students are Valerie Martinez and Jill Merritt, English; Ashley Irons, history; Isabel Garcia, pre-algebra; Juan Diaz, math 87; Jill Merritt, Diaz and Joseph Jamroz, reading; Ramey Rice, science; Abraham Salinas, Industrial Arts; Heather Snitker and Garcia, food production; Priscilla Dones, Martinez and Leticia Rodriguez, life management skills; Joe Birdwell and L.J. Soler, band; Garcia and Caitlin Buckley, computer; and Ricky Ramirez and Amy Melendez, health.

Those honored in the eighth grade were Kody Laurent, Sally Stahl and Tanner Self, English; Eric Demster and Lyndee Behrends, history; Jose Garcia, algebra; Saul Medrano, pre-algebra; Lupe Cisneros, math 87; Kelsey Welch, reading; Garcia and Demster, science; Amber Allison and Cliff Wright, Industrial Arts; April Hill, Nickie Cozby and Angelica Rascon, food production; Sandra Olvera, life management skills; and Dana Gonzales, band.

Students making the 1997-98 year-end "A" honor roll were:

Fourth Grade: Kathy Amador, Garrett Behrends, Vanessa Caballero, Billy Dollar, Mandi Ebeling, Darcy Fisher, Clarissa Herrera, Ross Hunter, Ryan Hunter, Sean Hunter, Rodrigo Jackson, Ashlee Nino, Kendra Puente, Zjohn Smothermon, David Stevens, Brittany Williams,

Haley Wise and Morgan Wright.

Fifth Grade: Kayla Acker, Corrie Black, Holly Gilliam, Nyssa Martinez, Maribel Montiel, Viktorya Navarro, Layne Penny, Alejandra Velasquez and Salud Zepeda.

Sixth Grade: Erica Abrega, Caleb Dickerson, Sheena Ehly, Alicia Heard, Todd Jansa, Angelica Larra, Amy Laurent, Tyler Myatt, Jake Porsch and Matthew Sanders.

Seventh Grade: Jaci Bishop, Caitlin Buckley, Ashley Irons, Valerie Martinez, Jill Merritt and Melissa Rueda.

Eighth Grade: Lyndee Behrends, Thomas Brockman, Erik Demster, Jose Garcia, Ryan Hays, Brent Josselet, Tanner Self, Jace Weaver and Kelsey Welch.

Shot clinic slated today

An immunization clinic will be held in Dimmitt today (Thursday) from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Dimmitt Middle School Auditorium.

The vaccines offered will give protection against polio, diphtheria, lock jaw (tetanus), whooping cough (pertussis), measles, rubella, mumps and HIG (haemophilus influenzae Type B) and hepatitis B.

The Texas Dept. of Health is charging money to help with the cost of keeping the clinic open. The amount of money charged will be based on family income and size and the ability to pay.

Help sought for three-on-three basketball tourney

Some local citizens are trying to organize a three-on-three basketball tournament event for this summer in Dimmitt.

"We want to give our young people some fun alternative activities to help keep them out of trouble," said Angie Gomez, secretary of County/District Attorney Jerry Matthews.

Gomez said the teams for the competition could be from ages 7 and up, and may even include an adult division.

"We are looking for businesses that would be willing to help sponsor the event or possibly supply T-shirts or caps for participants," Gomez said.

She said anyone interested in the event may call her at 647-4445 or Santos Perez at the Dimmitt Police Dept., 647-4545.

Three Dimmitt seniors honored

Dimmitt seniors Amy Matthews and Amber Matthews earned academic all-state recognition from the Texas Girls Coaches Association.

Teammate Jacy Buckley was named honorable mention academic all-state.

All were members of the Bobbies' regional finalist team this year.

Clean-up day is scheduled at 4-H Center

A 4-H Center clean-up day has been scheduled for next Thursday, June 11, at 8 a.m. and all 4-H'ers are asked to pitch in and help.

"We need as many 4-H'ers as possible," said Castro County Assistant Extension Agent Benny Martinez. "We will be painting pens, sweeping and washing out floors. Please bring rakes, shovels, gloves, etc."

4-H'ers who need a ride to the Center should call the Extension office by June 10 so transportation can be arranged.

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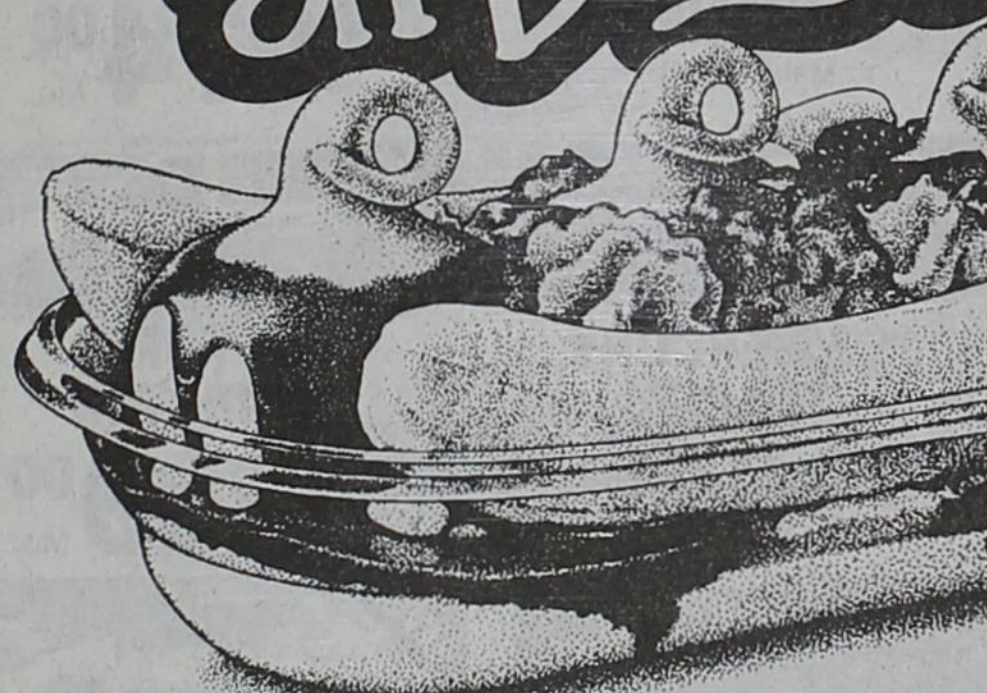


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Memorial Day ceremonies began at 7 a.m. last Monday with a flag raising in front of the CCD building. Memorial mass followed in Holy Family Cemetery along with the Veterans' Honor Guard and playing of *Taps*. A few members of the Nazareth Swift Band also performed.

Breakfast followed at the Legion Hall for all Legionnaires, their wives and guests.

On Monday evening, Father John Hickey offered mass in Holy Family Church in honor of his first year of ordination to the priesthood. Following the service, everyone enjoyed cake and punch and a time of fellowship.

Jerry, Tricia and Andi Rose and Virgie Gerber enjoyed the Memorial Day weekend in Odessa at the home of Gene and Susie Gerber. Also enjoying the weekend were Evelyn Hill of Lubbock, Jenny Gerber of Arlington and Yanos, the Gerbers' foreign exchange student from Germany.

On the way back home, they stopped in Lamesa to visit with Vicky (Stork) Love. She and her family are in the process of moving to East Texas.

Nazareth's 19th Hole softball team, sponsored by Denny Heiman, won second place out of 60 teams in the 16th annual USSSA Budweiser Memorial Day Slow Pitch Tournament. The team competed in the D Division at John Stiff Memorial Park Softball Complex and Southeast Park in Amarillo.

The "if necessary" championship game turned into a low-scoring game. The Sox team from Hereford broke a 5-5 tie with six runs in the top of the seventh for an 11-5 lead.

The local team, made up of Nazareth exes, is coached by Bo Hoelting. The 19th Hole lost the game, 11-7. Many fans from Nazareth enjoyed the two-day tournament.

Playing on the team are Hoelting, Heath Schulte, Rex Acker, Dwayne Acker, Craig Huseman, Todd Hill, Chris Schmucker, Johnny Schmucker, Chris Gerber, Eric Wilhelm, Michael Schmucker, Brian Schmucker and Marvin Schmucker. They gather together from Pampa,

Dumas, Amarillo, Lubbock, Canyon and Nazareth to form the team.

The Gary Rider family of Claude hosted the annual Philip Pohlmeier family reunion over Memorial Day weekend at the Pohlmeier home in Nazareth.

About 60 family members gathered for a weekend of fun activities and good food. Families came from Oklahoma, Illinois, Washington, D.C., and from throughout the state of Texas.

The Nazareth senior class enjoyed a trip to New Braunfels at the Schlitterbahn, a wonderful Water Park, the Malibu Speed Race and the Hard Rock Cafe on the River Walk in San Antonio. Driving with the seniors were parents Jim and Elaine Kern, Becky Birkenfeld, Sandee Hoelting, Karen Robertson and Vera Lou Ramaekers. Everyone had a great time.

Our sympathy to the family of George Thomas Bowers, 72, of Olpe, Kan., formerly of Nazareth.

Survivors are his wife, Dorothy; three daughters, Sharon Hendricks of Olpe, Karen Schroeder of Corcordia, Mo., and Carla Blackwell of Fredonia, Kan.; and a son, Thomas Bowers of Rockville, Maryland.

He and his family lived in Olpe, Kan., since 1948.

Funeral services were held in St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Olpe.

Attending from Nazareth were Herman and Marilyn Birkenfeld, and Ed and Juanita Schacher. Also going were Clyde and Bea Hoelting and Dolores Detten of Amarillo.

Prayers are asked for Arnold Huseman, Alverna Schacher, Ronnie Birkenfeld and Sister Josella Birkenfeld.

Sister Josella suffered a second stroke last Thursday at St. Scholastica's Convent in Fort Smith, Ark. Joe and Rita Woetovech and Velma Warren drove to Arkansas to be with their sister at the hospital.

Tisha Rice, bride-elect of Marty Gerber, was honored with a bridal shower Saturday morning in the home of Cynthia Gerber in Hart. A large crowd of friends and family attended.



NAZARETH BOND ISSUE MEETING last Thursday night drew a crowd of about 50 to hear information about the proposal and ask questions of the school board members and administrators. Leading the ses-

sion was NISD Supt. N. Dean Johnson. Here, Keith Hoelting, vice president of the school board, is making closing remarks. Everyone was encouraged to get out and vote, however they feel about the bond issue.

Photo by Linda Maxwell

Nazareth graduates receive scholarships

Twenty-four Nazareth seniors were presented scholarships during commencement ceremonies on May 22.

Valedictorian Amy Pohlmeier received a \$400 Gerald Jay Scholarship, \$1,000 Sam Walton Community Leadership Award, \$3,500 Sybil B. Harrington Scholarship, \$12,000 Texas A&M University President's Endowed Scholarship, and a full scholarship from Terry Foundation Scholar in addition to her valedictory award of Texas tuition exemption for one year.

Salutatorian Kaci Wethington received a \$2,000 scholarship from Deaf Smith Electric Cooperative and a \$150 award from the Home and School Association. She also received a tuition waiver scholarship from South Plains College in Levelland.

Darren Huckert received three scholarships, including \$650 from the Lorelea Acker Memorial Scholarship, \$300 from the Hereford Texas

Federal Credit Union and \$500 from the Golden Spread Chapter of Aggie Moms' Club of Texas A&M University.

Sara Birkenfeld was awarded the other \$650 Lorelea Acker Memorial Scholarship, along with a \$1,000 Cargill Scholarship for Rural America, \$600 West Texas A&M University (WTAMU) Residence Hall Scholarship, \$100 Gerald Jay Scholarship and \$200 WTAMU College of Business Scholarship.

The Nazareth Lions Club presented Barry Hoelting with its \$250 Member's Child Scholarship.

Joy Long was the recipient of a \$200 Gerald Jay Scholarship.

Jerad Birkenfeld earned a \$150 scholarship from Catholic Life Insurance.

The Lynn Ehly Memorial Scholarship valued at \$240 was presented to Jason Maurer.

Kit Schulte won one of two Nazareth Booster Club Scholarships valued at \$150.

Kourtney Robertson received three scholarships including \$150 from the Nazareth Home and School Association, \$300 from WTAMU Residence Hall and the \$350 Shawn Schaeffer Memorial Scholarship.

Josh Merritt and Whitney McLain each won a \$150 scholarship from the Nazareth Home and School Association.

Billy Don Cannon received a \$150 scholarship from Hochheim Insurance.

K'Lynn Gerber earned the Nazareth Booster Club Scholarship worth \$150 and also received a \$200 award from the Knights of Columbus (KCs).

The KCs presented Dustin Ramaekers with a \$200 award.

Leon Birkenfeld received scholarships from the Castro County 4-H Parent Leaders Association (\$300), Castro County 4-H Family and Community Educators (\$200) and KCs (\$200).

The American Legion Auxiliary presented Tanya Wethington and Stacey Schulte with \$150 scholarships. Schulte also earned the \$4,000 Dana Wall Scholarship from the Dimmitt Young Farmers.

The Nazareth chapter of the Catholic Daughters awarded three \$150 scholarships to Jayson Burnham, Derrick Schacher and Celina Braddock.

Lynsey Hoelting received a \$250 award from the Nazareth Lions Club Member's Child Scholarship Fund.

The Nazareth Lions gave \$150 scholarships to Trina Johnson and Shane Ethridge.



Boys State, Girls State participants are named

Participants from Castro County for the Boys State and Girls State events were announced recently.

Boys State will be held Saturday through June 12 at the University of Texas in Austin.

Those attending will include Wesley Wright of Dimmitt, Matthew Kern of Nazareth, and Efrain Salazar and Josua Beanes of Hart.

Girls State will be held June 9-19 at Texas Lutheran College in Seguin.

Those selected to attend include Lindsey Welch and Valerie Gonzales of Dimmitt, Ann Wilhelm and Vanessa Wilhelm of Nazareth, and Wyn-di Law of Hart.

The American Legion and American Legion Auxiliaries help sponsor the events, as well as those who are selected to attend. Other groups contributing locally include the Hart Lions Club, the Republican Organization of Women, the Nazareth Lions Club, and Catholic Life.

The events are designed to teach incoming seniors the basics of government firsthand. The students are divided into "cities" and "counties" and are encouraged to run for mock

local and state offices.

Those attending also will get to go to the state capitol and visit their state representatives.

Letter 'Poetry book recommended'

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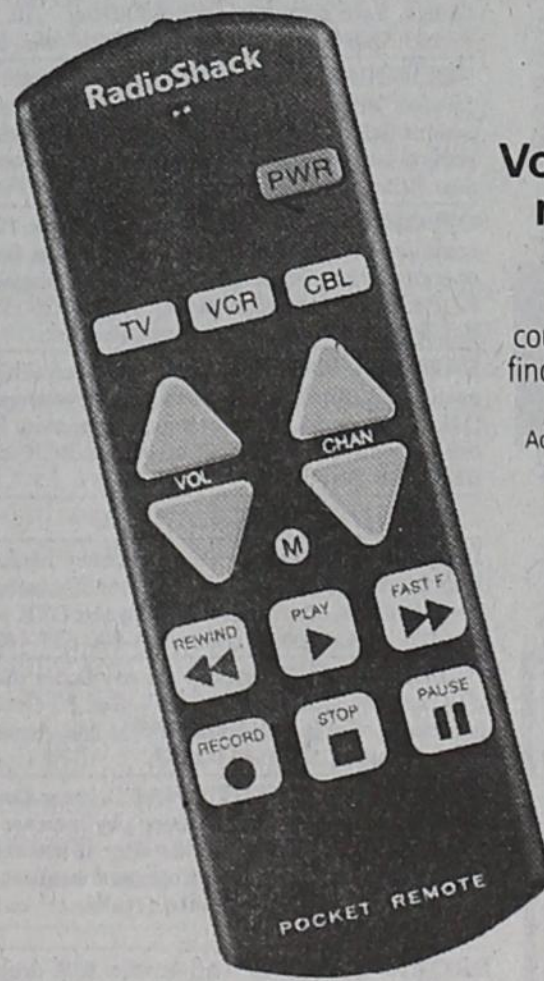


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Obituaries



Geneva Justice

Funeral services for Geneva Justice, 74, of Dimmitt, were held Monday afternoon at the First Baptist Church in Dimmitt with the Rev. Howard Rhodes, pastor, and the Rev. Paul Kenley, former pastor, officiating. Burial followed in Terrace Cemetery in Post under the direction of Foskey-Lilley-McGill Funeral Home of Dimmitt.

Mrs. Justice died at 3:35 a.m. Saturday at Plains Memorial Hospital in Dimmitt after a lengthy illness.

She was born Jan. 26, 1924, in New Lynn. She lived in Hereford from 1958 to 1974, when she moved to Dimmitt.

She married Virgil Justice on Dec. 6, 1941, in Lamesa. He died on Sept. 3, 1992. She was a member of the First Baptist Church in Dimmitt and the Plains Memorial Hospital Auxiliary.

She was preceded in death by a son, J. Ken Justice, on Dec. 5, 1991.

Survivors include a daughter, Avie Lewis of Georgetown; a daughter-in-law, Janet Ward of DeKalb; two sisters, Dorothy Keeton of Abilene and Jewel Rogers of Abernathy; four grandchildren, Kerry Lewis of Edwards, Calif., Ronna Traylor of Alexandria, Va., and Jennifer Rankin and Juli Justice, both of Lubbock.

Pallbearers were Jack Edwards, Eddie Sutton, Don Eiland, John Mang, John Lantz, Ron Lorenz, Glenn Schumacher and Bill Sava.

Honorary pallbearers were the First Baptist Church Naomi Sunday School Class, the Golden Girls and members of the Plains Memorial Hospital Auxiliary.

The family requests memorials be to Dimmitt Hospice Care, P.O. Box 278, Dimmitt 79027.

Connie Fuentes

Connie Fuentes, 56, of Dimmitt, died Saturday.

Services were held Tuesday morning in the Ivey Chapel at Foskey-Lilley-McGill Funeral Home with the Rev. Tom Mullins, pastor of Abundant Life Family Church, officiating. Burial followed in Westlawn Memorial Park in Dimmitt under the direction of Foskey-Lilley-McGill Funeral Home.

Mrs. Fuentes was born April 7, 1942, in Brownsville. She married Jesus Fuentes on Aug. 15, 1961, in Brownsville. They moved to Dimmitt in 1962. She was a homemaker and a member of Abundant Life Family Church.

Survivors include her husband; a son, Albert Fuentes of Abilene; a daughter, Connie Gomez of Dimmitt; a brother, Carlos Guerra Jr. of Friona; a sister, Mandy Degenri of Dallas; and seven grandchildren.

More about Welch

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Welch's mother, Edith Graef of Dimmitt; and Welch's mother, Mae Lawhon of Lazbuddie.

The Welch Home Place, opened last year, provides medical and psychiatric treatment to help people 55 and older cope with the problems of aging, such as loss of a spouse, diminished physical or mental capabilities, depression, serious illness, etc.

It's the only unit of its kind within a 100-mile radius, according to Teresa Woods, program director. There is no such specialized unit in Amarillo, Lubbock or Plainview; the nearest one is at Pampa, she said.

"We're getting patients from Amarillo, Denver City, Plainview, Perryton and Borger, plus many from Castro County," Woods said.

The unit can accommodate a maximum of six patients at a time. The average daily census for the last three months has been 3.5, Woods said.

Patients' confidentiality and privacy are closely protected.

"We're planning to have our residents view a movie away from the unit during the dedication and tours Sunday," Woods said.

Police Calls

A fight was reported May 26 at the Hart High School lunchroom. A suspect was arrested and charged with assault/bodily injury. It was reported that the suspect used his hands and fists to strike the victim in the face. The suspect and victim were both seniors.

A 22-year-old man was arrested for disorderly conduct and unlawful carrying of a weapon on May 29. He was jailed at 11:47 p.m.

Sunnyside Feed Yard reported to deputies on Friday night that approximately \$7,100-worth of animal health drugs had been taken from the business sometime during the past 21 days. The loss was discovered during an inventory. There was no evidence of a break-in. Investigation is continuing.

Doug Proffitt told deputies May 28 that someone broke into his offices on SH 86 just west of Dimmitt. Nothing appeared to be missing, but about \$500-worth of damage was done to items inside the building. Investigation is continuing.

In possibly related incidents, two diesel pumps were reported stolen sometime between May 23 and May 28.

On May 26, Tracy Rich of Hart reported that a pump valued at \$287 was taken from a trailer northeast of Hart, one half mile east of CR 526 on CR 625.

On May 28, Dwayne Schulte of Nazareth reported that a pump valued at approximately \$400 was taken off of a tank southwest of Nazareth, 1 mile north of CR 621 on CR 522, and a tenth of a mile east.

On May 28, David Smith of Smith Potato told deputies that a motor, pump and filler hose were taken from a water/fertilizer trailer located one-fourth mile west of CR 521 on FM 145. The items were valued at \$530 and apparently were taken sometime within the past week.

Six are indicted

Six men were indicted by the 64th District Court Grand Jury that met May 28.

Santos Oltivero Jr., 20, of Dimmitt was indicted on charges of aggravated assault with serious bodily injury. Bond was set at \$25,000. The charge states that on May 4 the accused caused injury to Abraham Sanchez by kicking and punching him while he was on the ground.

Bond also was set at \$25,000 for Danny Oltivero, 17, of Dimmitt, in connection with the same incident. The charge of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon stated that the accused caused injury to Sanchez by hitting him about his head and face with a rifle.

Indecency with a child was the charge listed against Adam Ruiz Cisneros, 43, of Dimmitt. Bond was set at \$10,000. He is accused of engaging in sexual contact on May 1 by touching the breast of a child younger than 17 and not his spouse.

Bond was set at \$15,000 for Teddy Gutierrez, 18, of Hart, for aggravated assault/threat/deadly weapon. He is charged with threatening imminent bodily injury to a woman and used or exhibited a deadly weapon—a motor vehicle—during the commission of the assault.

Zachary Shane Stevens, 32, of Dimmitt, was indicted for DWI, third offense. Bond was set at \$5,000. As a condition of bond, he must install a deep-lung breath analysis interlock device on his primary motor vehicle within 30 days of his release on bond. Also, he must not operate any motor vehicle unless it is equipped with such a device. He is accused of DWI on May 9, and had prior convictions in 1994 and 1995.

Michael Gonzales, 22, of Dimmitt, was indicted for criminal mischief over \$1,500 and under \$20,000. Bond was set at \$5,000. The charge stated that on May 8 Gonzales damaged or destroyed tangible property by hitting trees with a hammer and breaking off the bark, without the consent of the City of Dimmitt, owner of the trees.

The first badminton birdie was a champagne cork stuck with feathers.

It takes almost two years for a baby elephant to be born.

Up to 1752, New Year's Day was celebrated in the thirteen colonies on March 25th.

Ramon Gabriel Limas of Dimmitt told police Sunday morning that someone broke the driver's side window of his 1988 Ford Escort and took a book-case CD holder, valued at \$750. Damage to the window was estimated at \$70.

A suspect was placed under arrest last Thursday morning on a warrant charging him with assault/bodily injury, but he escaped before he could be taken into custody. He was arrested in the 200 block of Northeast Fifth. He remains at large.

Police received a report Monday night of a suspect who was yelling and causing a disturbance in public in the 100 block of Front Street.

Four men were picked up on warrants during the past week:

—A 31-year-old Lubbock man on May 27 for violation of probation stemming from burglary of a habitation.

—A Dimmitt man, 20, Friday morning after indictment on charges of aggravated assault/serious bodily injury.

—A 27-year-old Dimmitt man Sunday after indictment for aggravated assault/serious bodily injury.

—A Dimmitt man, 23, early Monday on charges of assault/bodily injury/family member and burglary of a habitation.

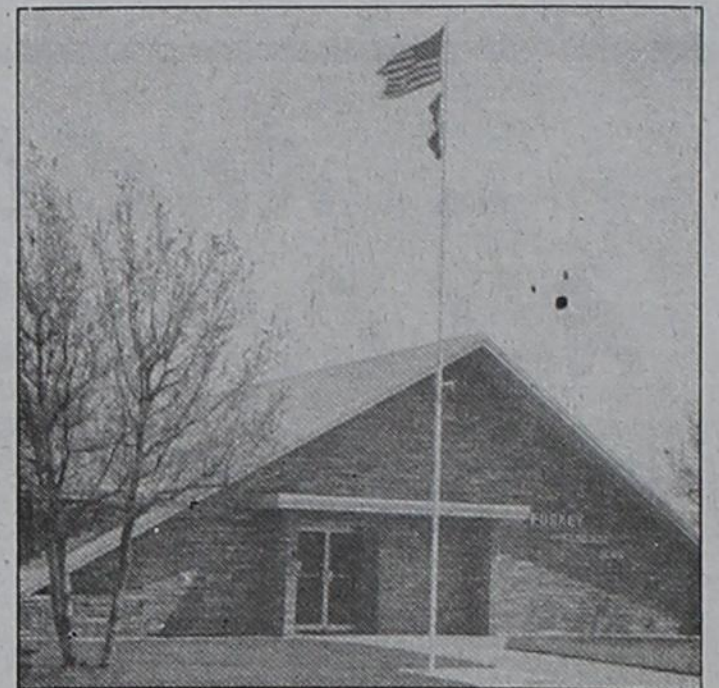
Two men were jailed early Saturday in separate incidents connected with alcohol violations. At 12:26 a.m., a 33-year-old Hereford man was charged with DWI, first offense, open container; and at 2:38 a.m. a Dimmitt man, 38, was charged with DWI, first offense.

May 5 at 9:20 a.m. a 1997 Ford pickup driven by Lamar Salinas Aguilar, 31, of Dimmitt, backed out of a private drive in the 1000 block

of West Stinson and struck a parked, unattended 1967 Ford Mustang belonging to Manuel Saenz of Dimmitt. Damage to both vehicles was rated light and no injuries were reported.

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22—Notices

PUBLIC NOTICE

In compliance with Section 10.03 of the Indigent Health Care and Treatment Act, the Board of Directors of the Castro County Hospital District has adopted the following rules and procedures for the Castro County Hospital Indigent Health Care Program.

Application for Indigent Health Care can be requested from Castro County Hospital District between the hours of 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. Assistance in completing the application will be provided, if needed. Contact the business office of Plains Memorial Hospital, 310 West Halsell, Dimmitt, Texas, for assistance.

1. Application forms must be completely filled out.
2. Verification of income, termination of income, residence, household composition and resources is required, if questionable.
3. Gross income cannot exceed the maximum income standards chart below.
4. Liquid resource assets cannot exceed \$2,000 (\$3,000 if a household member is disabled). The first \$4,650 fair market value of each vehicle is exempt. All value in excess of this exemption is counted against the \$2,000 resource limit. Personal property and homestead are exempt assets.
5. Eligible persons must be a resident of Castro County Hospital District.
6. Applicants must provide information and documentation requested or application will be denied.
7. Applicants have the right to appeal adverse decisions.

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24—Card of Thanks

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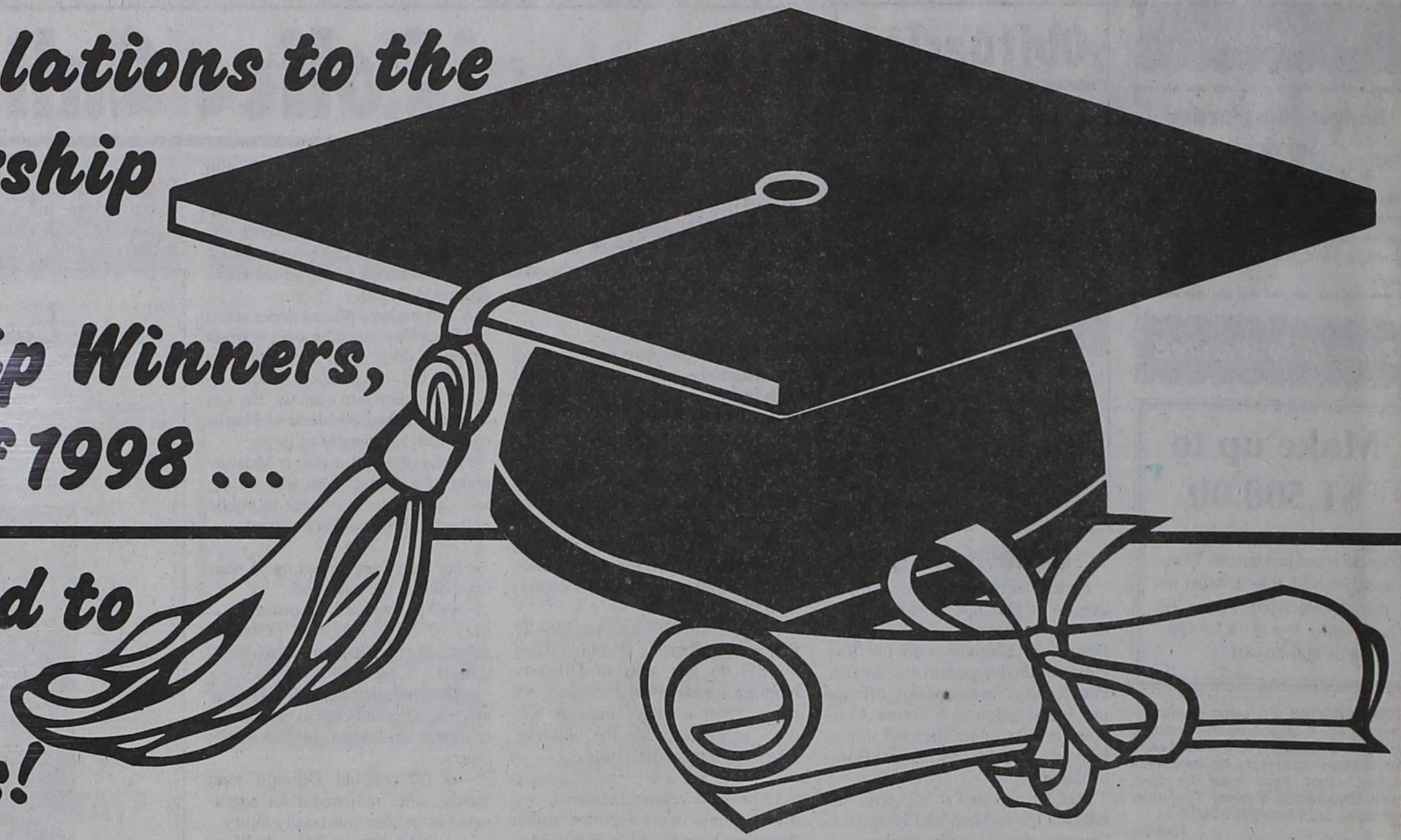
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Ag Feature

One area woman has made a business out of shoeing horses. Read her story in July's *High Plains Ag Reporter*.



COURTESY PHOTO

A crop option for West Texas farmers is sunflowers, like the ones pictured above from Gary Neusch's 1997 crop near Panhandle.

Angie Grand Pre and Amy Head special to the Ag Reporter

The recent South Plains weather has been a consistent source of disappointment for many area farmers. Light and thunder shows have been common in the past few weeks, and have often brought scattered hail to complete the entertainment, but scarcely a drop of moisture has fallen to relieve the mounting stress that has crept like a shadow across the brow of many West Texas producers.

In addition to the lack of moisture, many farmers also suffer the added stress of market concerns. Grain and cotton prices have fallen below the comfort level this spring, and market analysts expect the softening trend to continue in the future.

With crops burning in the heat and prices dangerously low, many producers are searching for alternatives to traditional cropping options. One of the year's most attractive, and perhaps most surprising alternatives is oil sunflowers.

Gary Neusch of Panhandle has been growing sunflowers for 12 years. He grows both oil sunflowers, used as protein in food, and confection sunflowers, the type that are eaten.

"I have enjoyed growing sunflowers," Neusch said. "I watch them grow and see how pretty they are. I get a lot of compliments. People always say, 'Gary is growing flowers again'."

He said passerbys stop and ask if they can take pictures of his bright yellow flowers and others ask for actual flowers to use in craft projects.

Although sunflowers have been produced in the United States for many years, both oil and confection sunflower production has skyrocketed in the past 10 years.

In 1985, the USDA began allowing sunflower production on all land not classified as highly erodible. Since that time, increasing numbers of producers in a variety of production areas and situations have turned to sunflowers to meet their increasing need for crop diversity and decreased financial risk.

Neusch's suggestion to a farmer wanting to

try sunflowers as a crop is to plant them on your sorriest ground.

"They do good on it (bad ground)," Neusch said. "That is where I have raised the best crop is on sorry ground."

According to the National Sunflower Association, North Dakota, South Dakota and Minnesota comprise the major sunflower growing region of the United States, accounting for almost 83 percent of total U.S. production.

Texas, Kansas, Colorado and Nebraska, despite their ideal production conditions, together accounted for only 15 percent of the total U.S. production in 1997.

Neusch, as well as many industry experts, believes that sunflowers have been unable to develop a strong foothold on the South Plains of Texas and Oklahoma because of a lack of promotion by the sunflower industry, and the lack of receiving points and few contracts available in the area.

1998 could be the year that changes.

"It is just a new thing, the biggest problem is lack of delivery points. That is why there are not many sunflower farmers," Neusch said. "It (raising sunflowers) is a good opportunity, if we can get everything worked out."

According to Neusch, the possibility exists of Bushland becoming a delivery point this year.

From the industry standpoint, Triumph Seed Co., Inc. of Ralls, Texas and Northern Sun (a subsidiary of Archer Daniels Midland) of Goodland, Kan. have recognized the potential of the South Plains area for sunflower production, and the need for market development in the area.

Northern Sun has contracts available on oilseed sunflowers on the South Plains.

Noble Koepp, president of Triumph Seed Company, said oilseed sunflowers provide an ideal answer to the weather and market problems faced by many producers.

"Triumph Seed Company has long believed sunflowers could offer farmers the combination of dependability and versatility new agricultural legislation and farming practices would require.

"The oil market is setting record highs this year, and farmers will be able to take advantage of it with the available contracts," Koepp said.

Ken Berndt, a field representative from Northern Sun, said the crop seems to be catching on and he anticipates seeing a greater number of South Plains acres go to sunflowers this year.

Last year, Neusch harvested 200 acres of sunflowers. Sunflowers are planted anywhere from May to August, depending on the type and the contract, and are harvested 120 days later for confection seeds and 75-120 days later for oil seeds.

Sunflowers are relatively easy to produce, Berndt said. They work well in reduced-tillage and short-well situations.

Because of their deep root zone, sunflowers are relatively drought-resistant, but they do need adequate amounts of water and nutrients early in the growing season.

"A plant's growth may be stunted if it runs out of nutrients or moisture at an early stage. All the nutrients need to be on at an early time," Berndt said.

Sunflowers are damaged as much by overwatering as they are by drought, according to Berndt.

He recommends less than six inches of applied irrigation, ideal for limited irrigation situations.

Utilizing sunflowers in a rotation is also an effective way to manage cyclical weeds and diseases, and control annual grasses such as brome, goatgrass, and rye.

"Sunflowers do not do well under continuous production," Berndt said.

Neusch rotates his dryland sunflower crop with wheat and his irrigated sunflowers with corn.

"The crop does not require much fertilizer and it is simple to raise," Neusch said. "The confection requires a little more management and insect control."

Sunflowers

offer alternative crop option
for West Texas producers

CALENDAR

June 6
City-Wide Garage Sale
 Dimmitt's city-wide garage sale starts at 8 a.m. on Saturday. There will be over 100 participants. Free maps and sale listings will be available at the stoplight by the courthouse square and in the parking lots at Dimmitt Market and Thriftway at 7 a.m.

June 10
TEXAS starts
 The "TEXAS" musical drama will begin its 33rd season on June 10, with a performance at 8:30 p.m. For ticket information for any of the nightly (except Sundays) performances, call (806) 655-2181.

June 11
License Training
 Privet Pesticide License Training. Call Randall County Extension Office at (806) 655-6325 for more information.

June 17-18
Water meeting
 "Water in the 21st Century: Rights and Realities" will be the topic of the Texas Council of the Soil and Water Conservation Society State meeting in Amarillo. To register or for more information, call (806) 356-5749.

June 21
Recognition Day
 Father's Day and the first day of summer. Please remember all of the ag-fathers on this day.

June 28-July 2
Women in Agriculture
 Second International Conference on Women in Agriculture in Washington, D.C. For more information, call (202) 720-2091.

July 3
Trail Ride
 Trail ride and Barbecue at Palo Duro Canyon State Park starting at 10 a.m. A Team Penning will be held on July 4 at 2 p.m. in Canyon. For more information, call (806) 655-1183.

July 16-19
Beef Conference
 National Cattlemen's Beef Association Summer Conference in Denver, Colo. For more information, call (303) 694-0305.

July 27-29
Cattle Raisers Board Meeting
 Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association Summer Board Meeting in Ruidoso, N.M. For more information, call (817) 332-7064.

To place your event in the High Plains Ag Reporter calendar, fax it to (806) 655-0823 or call (806) 655-7121 for more information.

Beneficial AgriPartners program launched in Texas Panhandle

Beth Barbee and Pam Dillard special to the Ag Reporter

Area farmers now have a chance to benefit both their own crops and applied agricultural research through the Panhandle AgriPartners program, says Dr. Bob Robinson, district director for the Texas Agricultural Extension Service in Amarillo. Robinson has spearheaded the initiative first introduced in the Lubbock area, and now being launched in the Panhandle. The effort, guided by Extension, was organized in April.

"AgriPartners is a collaboration between area farmers, agribusiness specialists, county agents and research scientists to provide sites for on-farm experiments and technical support to university, extension and industry applied research and demonstration activities," said Robinson. Extension's county agents conduct demonstrations and applied research in many producer fields in the Panhandle each year.

"We really appreciate our producer partners and will ask for their advice, counsel and input into these projects," said O. R. "Reggie" Jones, AgriPartner coordinator at the Texas A&M Research and Extension Center in Amarillo. Cooperating farmers will work with the demonstration assistants, who will be supervised by county extension agents.

The assistants will take samples, gather data, and perform routine

surveys and demonstrations. Their service area currently includes Dallam, Moore, Ochiltree, Deaf Smith, Randall, Gray and Collingsworth counties, and neighboring ones, essentially covering the entire Panhandle. The projects will be managed by the Texas A&M scientists and Extension specialists in cooperation with county agents.

"Input by industry technical and sales representatives, commodity groups, crop consultants and water districts will play a major role," Jones said.

The demonstrations will include potential evapotranspiration (PET) research and A&M's precision agriculture initiative. "Our goal is to provide real-time, current information to the producer, and help solve problems as they occur," he said.

"We want our farmers and ranchers to have up-to-date, science-based information on which to make decisions about their operations," Jones said. "These on-farm projects will also be one of the building blocks to advance the A&M initiative in precision agriculture."

Some of the demonstration

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Dr. Bob Robinson

projects are underway, including furrow and center-pivot irrigation demonstrations with wheat and corn. Others with sorghum, cotton, soybean and peanut projects are soon to begin.

"AgriPartners' farm demonstration assistants will be out gathering valuable data about insects common to this area," he said. Information accumulated through pest trappings, surveys and climatic data will be used to track and predict pest and predator insect outbreaks and buildups. Other studies are planned.

For more information about AgriPartners, contact Robinson or Jones at (806) 359-5401 or your local county extension agent.

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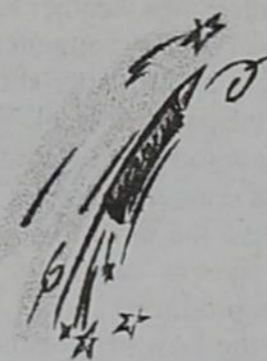
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Friday, July 3, 1998

◆ 10:00 a.m. Trail Ride/BBQ at Palo Duro Canyon State Park

Saturday, July 4th, 1998

- ◆ 7:00 a.m. Kiwanis Pancake Breakfast
- ◆ 9:00 a.m. Arts and Crafts Show, Food, Political Speakers, Entertainment on the Square
- ◆ 11:00 a.m. Parade, Chamber BBQ
- ◆ 2:00 p.m. Team Penning
- ◆ 5:30 p.m. West Texas Western Store Dance
- ◆ 6:00 p.m. Hamburger cookout and games in Conner Park
- ◆ 8:00 p.m. Concert in Conner Park
- ◆ 8:30 p.m. TEXAS, A Musical Romance of Panhandle History
- ◆ 10:00 p.m. Fireworks in Conner Park
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Management and development of water resources will be discussed at meeting

"Water in the 21st Century Rights and Realities" will be the theme of the 32nd annual state meeting of the Texas Council of Chapters, Soil and Water Conservation Society (SWCS) to be held in Amarillo June 17-19.

SWCS is sponsoring the event. SWCS members and non-members from Oklahoma and New Mexico have also been invited.

"We have opened the technical tour and session to non-society member with separate registrations fees, because we feel this is a timely topic and hope that many individuals would like to attend," said Steve Evett, president of the Golden Spread Chapter of SWCS.

The day-long technical session June 18 at the Radisson Inn begins at 8:30 a.m. and features ten speakers from throughout the state.

Exhibits from state and local sponsors will also be on display.

The future of water use from the Edwards aquifer will be discussed by Gregory Ellis, general manager of the Edwards Aquifer in San Antonio and water use from the Ogallala aquifer by Dr. Lloyd Urban, director of the Water Resources Center in Lubbock. John C. Williams, general manager of the Canadian River Municipal Water Authority in Sanford, will talk about future water use from lake Meredith.

Potential new water supplies will be the topic of Comer Tuck, re-

gional planning team leader, Texas Water Development Board, Austin. George Bomar, weather modification specialist with Texas Natural Resources Conservation Commission in Austin will discuss weather modification projects throughout the state.

Gale Henslee, environmental projects director at New Century Services in Amarillo, will talk about his company's utilization of the city waste water.

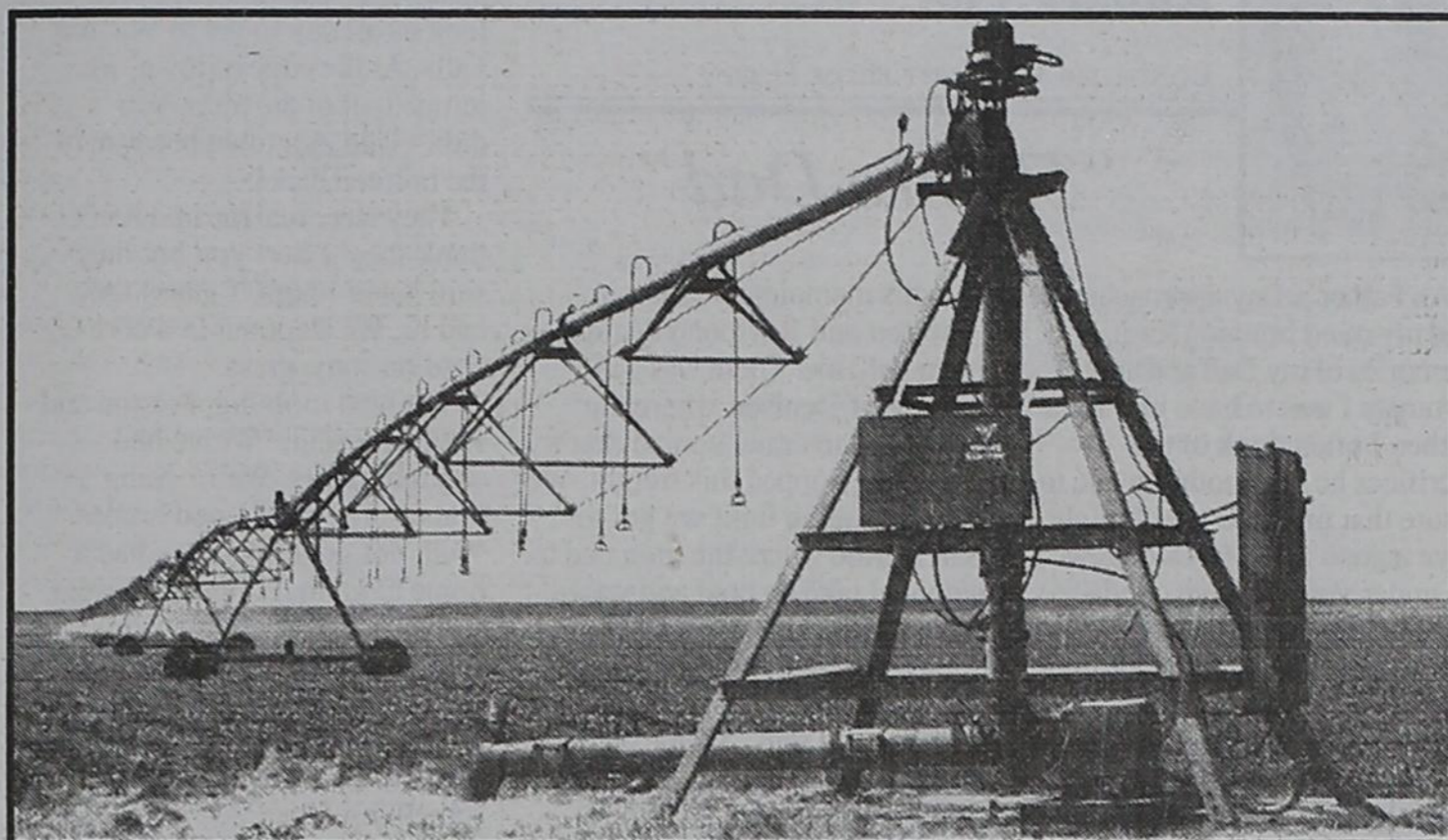
The future for irrigation will be examined by Dr. Ron Lacewell, assistant vice chancellor at Texas A&M University in College Station.

The impact on the Texas economy of conversion to dryland farming will be evaluated by Dr. Steve Amosson, agricultural economist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service in Amarillo. Market water rights will also be discussed.

Five Certified Crop Advisor continuing education units (CEUs) in soil and water management may be earned by attending the technical session.

The keynote address will be given by Dr. Wayne Jordan, director of the Texas Water Resources Center at Texas A&M in College Station.

The technical tour on June 17 will focus on equipment and techniques for efficient use and management of precipitation and irri-



DEBBIE AYLESWORTH

The future of sprinkler systems like the one pictured will be discussed at the "Water in the 21st Century Rights and Realities," conference in Amarillo in mid-June.

gation water resources for crop production, and will be at the USDA Agricultural Research Service at Bushland, which is west of Amarillo.

The tour participants will see the world-class evapotranspiration facilities, where very accurate measurement of water loss are made so that cropping systems and various production strategies can be evaluated. Other tour stops will show the latest technology in center pivot irrigation, including

above and within-canopy sprinklers and LEPA (low energy spray application) as well as subsurface and surface drip irrigation systems.

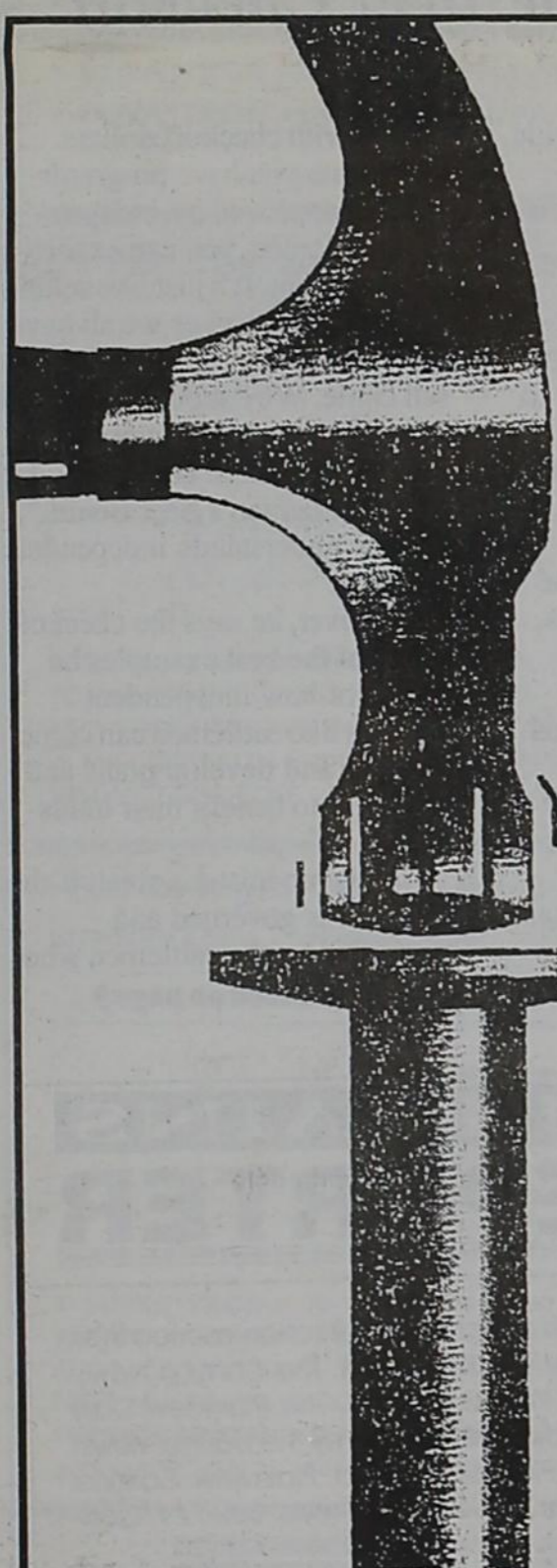
Participants will see an 8-span center pivot using sprinkler management methods to reduce or control plant diseases, and dryland water management systems.

Two Certified Crop Advisor CEUs in soil and water management may be earned by attending the tour.

For more information about registration or how to obtain an exhibit booth, call (806)356-5749, or email cperry@ag.gov. Registration for the technical tour is only \$5. Registration for the technical session only is \$35.

Any registrations which include lunch at the technical session must be made by June 12.

Full details can also be obtained from the World Wide Web at <http://www.cprl.ars.usda.gov/programs/swcs.htm>.



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Robert Lee

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"Thanks Dad"

As Father's Day approaches, I find my mind bringing forth memories of my Dad and how fortunate I was to have him for a Father. I often think of the sacrifices he and mother made to insure that my sister and I might have a good life. My Dad grew up under very adverse conditions being shorted on both, formal education and opportunities. He was born in Greensburg, Kentucky. At the age of three, the family moved to Carpenter's Bluff, located on the Red River and only a few miles from Denison, Texas. TEXAS, the place where money grew on trees according to his uncles in Kentucky. This did not prove to be true. His mother dies when he was 13 and his father remarried when he was 18. Feeling out of place in this new union, he decided to go to Amarillo and look for work.

In his memoirs, he said, "Preston and Raymond decided to go with me. There was a hill outside of Denison where the trains had to crawl up and that's where we hopped this freight. We chugged along until we got to San DeRoe where the train had to stop and take on coal and water. That's where this railroad dick shined his light on me and this old black boy that was back there with me and said, "Come on out of there."

We came out and I told him, "Mister, I'm just starving for a drink of water."

He gruffly said, "There's a faucet down by the depot. Go down there and get you a drink but when this train starts, you make sure that you're on it."

Preston and Raymond had jumped off the other side of the cat and run down the track and hid. When the train started up

again, they crawled back in. It took us all day to get to Wichita Falls. At the edge of town, we jumped off of the train. You didn't ride into town because of the railroad dicks.

They were real mean. I don't think they'd hurt you but they sure acted tough. I guess they had to. We slept out in a cornfield on some grass.

The next morning, Preston and Raymond said, "We've had enough of this. We're going home." They had good homes. Well, not good, but they had a home to go to. I didn't so I went on alone.

It took most of the next day to get to Childress. I went into a little, old café. It was after night. I don't know, ate a hamburger or something. I was so sleepy and tired. I hadn't slept much the night before. I was getting to the point where I didn't give a hoot if they did take me to jail. At least, I'd get to lay down and rest in a safe place. I was holed up in a taxi out in front of the café by the depot. The depot was where all the action was because people all traveled by train.

I got in that fellow's taxi and

went to sleep. I didn't care if he threw me in jail or what he done with me. I was that tired.

I don't know how long I was there. I woke up to the driver's voice saying, "Wake up, kid. You've got to get out. The last train has run and I've got to go home."

There I was again, no place to sleep. I walked up the track and found an old, open-car. The kind they haul coal in. It was filthy, had old papers and all kinds of stuff in it. I crawled up in it, piled some of the cleaner papers in a corner and went to sleep.

The next morning, I went back to the café and ate another hamburger. There were all kinds of loafers hanging around. I asked one of them how far it was to Shamrock. He said it was fifty or sixty miles. I thought I could walk that far. My stepmother, Mrs. Betty, had kinfolks there. I felt like if I could go somewhere, get a good night's sleep, and rest a day or two, it'd sure help. Besides, I was running out of money. I started out walking."

In 1921, Dad arrived in Shamrock, Texas, getting out on the corner across from the First

National Bank. He must have enjoyed the little Irish town because he spent the next 72 years there.

"He Held the Ladder"
Robert E. Lee was born some years ago of very humble beginnings.

He grew to manhood with very little help, learning at an early age to rely on himself.

He never heard, "do you need anything, son?" or "Here son, this is an easier way to get the job done."

When he married, he found a very tall ladder, pointed it to the heavens, and holding it with his own body, told the family to climb.

The family was able to climb for the heavens and reach for the stars, with confidence and knowledge that he was holding the ladder, providing the security that he had never known.

Over the years, he stood quietly at the bottom, holding the ladder and the family grew and each generation climbed a little higher and occasionally caught a star.

Thanks Dad, for holding the ladder.



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Varying markets depend on weather

Cattle

If you are looking at this market you might think that you have seen a bad day at Black Rock. There seems to be no bullish or good news in the cattle market. At the end of the month we were looking at \$63.00 cash cattle. Many analysts feel that the packers are very strong and resolved in their position not to pay more than \$63 for cattle in the teneat term. The packers aren't experiencing a whole lot of energy from the retail meat buyers in the aftermath of the holiday weekend. Meat prices at the retail level are sinking which doesn't provide packers with incentive to purchase large numbers of cattle.

Cattle feeders are watching the feeder prices thinking that they don't want feeder cattle ownership period - regardless of the price of corn. Barring a \$4-\$6 rally in fed cattle, the odds of feedlots stopping equity loss before the fall does not seem very good. Additionally, producers need to watch the pasture ratings that have been released showing only 52% of Texas listed as fair or better. Technically, the August cattle have a downtrend with a major bottom set for May 27. The trend reversal price is 69.77 with support at 66.50 and 65.90 with resistance at 67.25 and 66.80.

Corn

Someone was heard saying that in the grains it may not be the end of the world but it looks like a practice shot. Analysts are all talking about the near-perfect growing weather in the Mid-West while jitters over problems in other financial markets. Russia has raised their lending rates by 150%. Many traders still feel that

the Asian Crisis has not hit the US markets. With only 7% of the corn acres not planted, many feel the weather has been beneficial for a solid start on the newly planted corn.

Another problem facing the corn is potential of wheat feeding in the US. Wheat exports are soft with harvest progress set to expand over the next 30 days. Wheat must be stored or fed, this suggests a larger than expected wheat feeding program is certainly possible this summer.

Can the corn market come back up? Yes, possibly but the opportunity for weather problems has narrowed to about 30-45 days. Technically, we are in a downtrend with a trend reversal price of 252 1/4. The cycle bottom is due on May 27 with support at 240 1/4 and resistance at 244 3/4 then 249 1/4.

Wheat

Another practice shot buy many are saying that it is too early to call this a bumper crop. We have just started harvest in most areas, but the weights are up while protein contents are down. At the end of May, we have seen new contract lows made but after that we saw some bounce up. One day's late rally did rekindle hopes for a bounce. Fund selling has been a feature in the trade along with little buying support.

The USDA reports that the winter wheat has stopped deteriorating for the time being. The winter wheat crop shows 69% of the crop is earning good to excellent marks. Also, we are hearing that the low wheat prices have caused farmers to begin to forfeit loans. USDA weekly loan activity reports show 1997 wheat

loan forfeitures have reached 1.5 million bushels, up 100,000 bushels from the previous week.

Wheat feeding is one aspect of the market that has bullish tendency for the market. With a heavy crop due, many end users will start to work wheat into their rations.

Technically, in July we have a downtrend with a bottom on June 2. The trend reversal is 306 1/2 with support at 291 and resistance at 295 then 304 1/2.

Cotton

The main feature in the cotton markets has been the weather. Poor conditions in many cotton-growing areas and concerns regarding the US cotton crop have offered underlying support. Rumors of banks not working many cotton farmers and stories of third plantings being blown out of the ground are moving through the cotton pit. Some analysts feel that over a million acres of cotton may be skipped this year. With all of the problems, it doesn't take much of an imagination to envision a US crop of 16.2 million bales or less. The USDA earlier in May said the crop would be projected at 16.7 million bales.

The market absorbed news the China plans a selling tender for 1.2 million bales of new crop cotton. Then tender of top-grade upland and extra-long staple cotton appeared designed as a signal to the world that replacement supplies will be available for the weather troubled San Joaquin Valley crop. The market, also, overcame an additional 1.4 million bales reported by China for last year's crop.

Technically, we see the major trend on the July is up with a trend reversal at 66.20. Support is at 66.30 then 66.90 and resistance is 68.10 and 68.75 while trend top is seen on June 12-15.

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The Beef Checkoff

Livestock markets nationwide recently received petitions requesting a referendum on the \$1-per-head checkoff.

The Livestock Marketing Association, which is encouraging auction markets to support the petition effort, has a year to collect the estimated 117,000 producer signatures needed to force a referendum.

"I cannot understand why anyone wants to terminate the beef checkoff," said Bob Sims, president of the Texas Cattle Feeders Association.

"Checkoff-funded programs are our first and only line of defense, plus the only way we have of being proactive in the marketplace."

However, Sims can understand why some cattlemen might question some of the programs

funded with checkoff dollars.

"Any time you have programs that are approved by independent cattlemen, you can expect disagreement. It's just like selling fed cattle to a packer—we all have our independent ideas on how to sell cattle. Why should we expect to agree on every program approved by state beef councils or the Cattlemen's Beef Board."

Sims understands independent thinking.

However, he says the checkoff is one of the best examples he knows of how independent thinkers like cattlemen can come together and develop plans and programs to benefit their industry.

"Make no mistake about it—the checkoff is governed and controlled by the cattlemen who

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Peanuts coming to Idalou

Wendy Whalen special to the *Ag Reporter*
 The paint is still fresh and the furniture is new. Things are definitely changing down at the old Idalou grain storage facility. Lee J. Everett, Eugene King and Sidney Fox are under contract to purchase the facility, and they are modifying it to handle peanuts. "Peanuts are coming to West Texas," said Everett. There are several reasons for this trend. The current farm bill allows producers in the South Plains to diversify their crop production, and it has driven prices down for the established peanut producers in other areas of the state. Those facts, combined with low cotton prices and fear of a boll weevil infestation, are the driving forces for producers to consider growing peanuts. However, Everett is quick to point out that peanuts are not going to replace "King Cotton." "We got locked into a monoculture with cotton due to the old farm bill," Everett said. "Peanuts

are not going to replace cotton. They just offer an alternative for diversification." Peanuts offer an option for production that does not require much change in equipment or irrigation practices. The biggest difference comes at harvest, and right now there are custom combining groups coming through to handle that, said Everett. Rotation is the key to keeping a successful cotton harvest and building a solid peanut industry. Currently, the south Plains have no major insect or disease for peanuts. Traditional peanut producing areas are suffering low harvests, because their soils have become so diseased. Using a three-year rotation process will allow West Texas producers to avoid the same situation. In the 1997 growing season, approximately 2,000 acres in this area were dedicated to peanut production. This year estimates suggest around 4,000 acres will be used to grow peanuts. Since West Texas is the only area in the United States with the appropriate climate

and soils for peanut production not being completely utilized, Everett sees the trend of increasing acreage for peanuts continuing. We are not experiencing an increase in the total being grown, but a shift in where that production is taking place. Before Idalou peanuts came into being, the only buying points were in Gaines and Terry Counties. Idalou plant, including two other storage areas in Lorenzo and Dougherty, can store between 4,000 and 5,000 acres of peanuts. The Idalou facilities are attractive to local farmers for several reasons. The plant will have limited drying capacity, a gig stand for sampling, and an onsite government grader. This will allow the peanuts to be graded before being shipped to purchasers. Everett hopes the whole community will benefit from Idalou peanuts. He believes it will diversify the economy and gain more production from the old storage facilities.

The Beef Checkoff -- Working as hard for the industry as the cattleman who control it (from page 4)

pay the money to make it happen." Here's how it works. State beef councils (45 in all) collect the \$1-per-head when cattle are sold. More than 600 cattlemen serve on state beef council boards. Each state has the option of keeping up to 50 cents of each dollar it collects to use for in-state beef promotion and education efforts. The rest goes to the Cattlemen's Beef Promotion and Research Board for national programs. The Cattlemen's Beef Board is governed by 111 producers who are designated by the 45 state beef council boards to represent the states at the national level. But it doesn't stop there. The national board sets program priorities based on the recommendations of various industry committees with a combined membership of more than 1,600 cattlemen, dairymen,

importers, packers, purveyors and retailers designated by state councils and various cattlemen's and agriculture organizations. Some of these organizations include the Farm Bureau, Farmers Union, National Live Stock Producers Association, National Milk Producers Federation and the Livestock Marketing Association. "Every group with a vested interest in the cattle business and its success or failure has a seat at the table. Nobody is excluded and all voices have a chance to be heard," Sims says. From that process ultimately arises the many different check-off programs that are designed to promote, educate and stimulate beef consumption. Some of these programs include:

- Since the launch of the "Beef. It's What You Want" advertising campaign in August 1997, more than 2,775 television commercials have aired nationally, reaching about 87% of adults age 25 to 54 (101 million people).
- Last year's food communication efforts resulted in pro-beef placements in 4,886 magazines and newspapers with a combined circulation of more than 654.4 million.
- More than 100,000 teachers from preschool through high school requested audio-visual kits and posters during the last school year. These materials have a potential reach of 5.2 million children.
- Issues management initiatives identify and respond to potentially damaging issues, resulting in the best news you never read.
- Last year, grocery retailers built beef identity with their customers while giving them information and recipes needed to prepare beef.
- Twenty-three retail chains, representing 4,588 stores, distributed more than 1.09 million customized recipe books.
- Information programs demonstrate the industry's commitment to the environment.
- Nutrition research provides supporting data on beef's value in the diet.
- Further, it's working to dispel the myth that chicken and fish are superior to beef in low fat diets.
- Foodservice operators are encouraged to add new beef dishes to their menus and promote beef as a meal choice.
- Food safety research aims to assure consumers that beef is wholesome and safe.
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"Not all cattlemen will agree on all programs funded by checkoff dollars. But we know that cattlemen support the beef checkoff," Sims says. "In January 1998, a producer attitude survey showed that 70% of cattlemen approve of the checkoff." So what needs to be done about the recall effort? "Don't sign the petition," Sims suggests. "Let's not waste time and resources arguing about whether or not to have a check-off. Instead, let's spend our time improving programs."

The wheat is dry, the hay is



(above) Jeff Boehning is pictured raking cut wheat into wind rows in a field near Happy. (right) Steve Irlbeck is pictured baling the beardless wheat bales. Irlbeck baled over 300 acres of hay this Spring. Photos by Angie Grand Pre.



Angie Grand Pre and David McDonnell special to the Ag Reporter
 Low prices combined with dry conditions have put area wheat crops in a difficult position. And with harvest only days away, the hot, dry conditions continue. The crop has been in desperate need of a rain for at least a month.
 "We are one rain short, again," said Randall/Swisher county producer Steve Irlbeck. "This seems to happen every year."
 According to Randall County extension agent, Robert Devin, the potential yield on dryland is de-

clining each day of dry weather. "The yield is already hurt and it continues to decline," Devin said. "There are fields that basically burnt up and it is marginal if they will even be harvested."
 Part of Randall County's 100,000 acres of wheat is irrigated, but Devin said irrigated wheat is also losing the fight for moisture. "Where there is the ability to water, there is the need to water summer crops," Devin said. "Some producers are opting to water summer crops like corn and sorghum. The demand for water exceeds the supply."
 In Castro County, agent Rebel Royall said it's 119,000 acres of wheat for grain is in tremendous need for a rain. About 90,000 acres of wheat were grazed this season. "The dryland crop is non-existent, but the irrigated is still good," Royall said. "It will make a seed crop but with less yield than last year."
 The same story is true for Swisher County, according to its extension agent, Michael Clawson. "The dryland is really starting to hurt," Clawson said. "There's a lot of stalk out there but not a whole lot of grain."
 Clawson predicted the dryland crop to only average 10-15 bushels an acre. He said the irrigated wheat may average 30-40 bushels an acre.
 "It may be too late right now

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good and here is the story

even if we got a good shower on it to do it any good," Clawson said in reference to needed moisture.

The 75,000 acres of wheat to be harvested in Swisher is considerably less than previous years, according to Clawson.

"A lot are abandoning the wheat or cutting it down for hay, others are grazing it," Clawson said.

In order to offset the damage being done by the dry conditions a lot of producers opted to graze out or bale a large portion of their crop.

There were two main reasons according to Devin.

First, the economic conditions were considered with wheat prices so low compared to cattle prices.

Second, the weather conditions were considered with the dry weather continuing to lessen the chance of an excellent crop.

Devin said producers were successful in grazing out portions of the crop.

"We had excellent performance of cattle on wheat," said Devin.

Due to this a lot more acres were grazed and baled into hay than normal.

Grazing brings in 1/3 to 1/2 the income derived from the wheat crop said Devin.

Grazing is another example of diversifying the crop.

"Producers just keep thinking of more ways to expand the crop," said Devin.

Although a high percent of this year's wheat crop is being baled because of dry conditions, area counties usually bale quite a bit of various types of hay. Hay varieties such as wheat, sudan, alfalfa, mutua, and sorghum are baled locally mostly for one's own use.

"Around here, if a producer has livestock, he will usually bale some hay," said Jeff Boehning, a farm/ranch worker in the Happy area. "It is a 'just in case' situation (it may not rain next year)."

Swisher County bales 8,000 - 10,000 acres of hay, said Clawson. Castro County produces about 11,000 acres of hay.



(above) Gary Kulhman of Canyon unloads round bales of wheat hay onto in property. Gary, along with his brother, Mike, and father, Herbert, produces hay near Umbarger. (left) Steve Irlbeck is pictured operating a computerized baler in a field near Happy. The baler lets the operator control the size of the bale and uses gauges to control the even shape of the round bale. The machine automatically strings the bale and dumps it when completed. Photos by Angie Grand Pre.

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Around the Counties

What's going through the mind of your county agent

Rebel Royall

CASTRO COUNTY

It's going to be a hot summer! At least, that is the sentiment of everyone that I have visited with lately. High 90's in May has to mean a miserable July and August. It's got to be El Nino's fault. Everything else that has happened this year is! I've heard some older folks say that the winter was so mild, that the summer will be fierce. Who knows?

I kinda messed up in my column last month. I was doing well by writing it early and getting it in. I was so proud of myself. At that time, I stated that the wheat crop looked good and that we were in for a good wheat harvest. Then, the hot, dry, windy weather hit. In a matter of a couple weeks, the wheat crop (at least, the dryland) was going the opposite direction. So, here I am this month, writing this column at the last minute, hoping things only change for the better before the Reporter comes out in June.

Corn and cotton is completely planted in the county. Corn is really growing well, and most of the cotton is emerging very quickly due to the irregular hot temperatures. Sorghum is



currently going in the ground and will be completely planted before the month of June is over.

Hopefully, Mother Nature will smile on us again this summer and bring those timely rains, with very little crops damaging weather.

With the recent development of the Northwest Plains Boll Weevil Eradication Zone, the boll weevil is definitely on the minds of the producers in our area. Though we are occasionally seeing a few this far north, they are not a large problem as of yet. Of course, they were saying that in Lubbock and Seminole, etc. just a few years back. Hopefully, the activities of this new zone will help us control the boll weevil before it ever becomes a problem in our area.

Plains Cotton Growers just released a new publication entitled "Boll Weevil Management in the Texas High Plains." If you would like a copy of this publication, go by your local County Extension Office, or call Plains Cotton Growers in Lubbock.

4-H is definitely at a busy time right now. With the slow down and wrap up in schools, 4-H seems to take off. Although we don't have club meetings in the summer, we do have State 4-H Roundup, camps, officer training, community service projects and fund-raisers.

We are currently still trying to raise funds for our Educational Center which will set adjacently to our Livestock Center. This complex will have a classroom, demonstration kitchen, restrooms and a small covered show arena, when completed. A very kind individual has offered to match funds that the kids raise, up to a certain dollar amount, as we are trying extremely hard to raise funds for the project. The complex will be of great benefit to Castro County 4-H and all the Extension programs. We are very excited about the possibility of building it in the next couple of years.

If you've never been through Dimmitt and seen our 4-H Livestock Center, I would encourage you to do so. We would be glad to give you a tour and visit about future plans for the property.

Well, that's about all I can think of right now. Have a great month of June.

Area 4-H member's recipe

Corn Curry from Bobbi Ewing



Ewing

Ingredients

- 3 T butter
- 1 1/2 to 2 C of frozen corn
- 2 T chopped green pepper
- 2 T chopped onion
- 1/4 to 1/2 tsp curry powder
- 1/2 C dairy sour cream
- salt & pepper to taste

Directions:

- Melt butter in skillet. Add vegetables and curry, cover, cook over low heat until vegetables are tender (8 to 10 minutes).
 - Stir in sour cream, season to taste. Heat, stirring constantly. Yield 4 servings.
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- Bobbi is a junior member of Cowboy 4-H.

7-layer Dip Dish from Carissa Wilhelm



Wilhelm

Ingredients

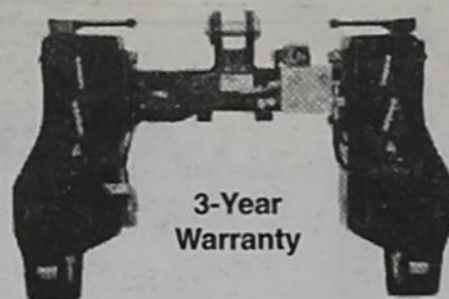
- 1 can (16 oz) refried beans
- 1/2 C chopped onions
- 1 (4 oz) can chopped green chilies
- 1/2 C chopped tomatoes
- 8 oz. prepared avocado dip
- 1 (4 oz) can chopped black olives
- 8 oz. shredded Monterey Jack cheese

Directions:

- In flat dish (9x11) layer ingredients as written.
 - Chill & serve with low fat chips.
- Carissa is a junior member of Sundown 4-H.

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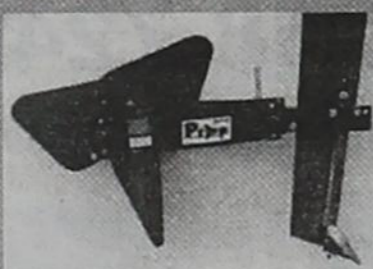
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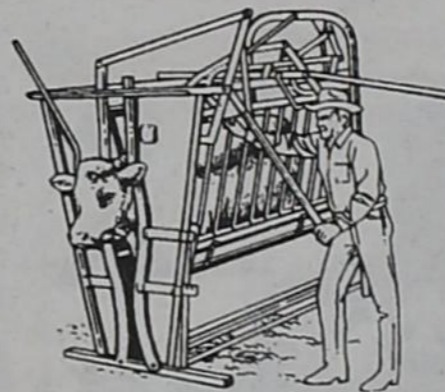
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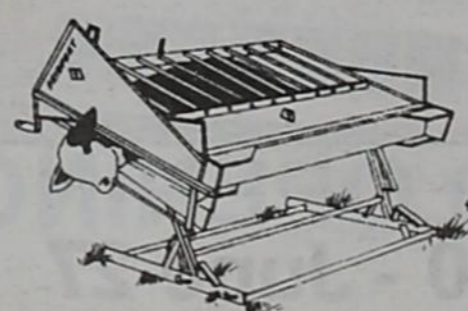
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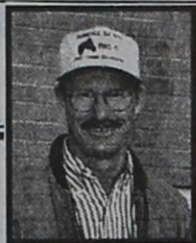
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Robert Devin

RANDALL COUNTY

If you are not familiar with the Food Quality Protection Act, it might be worth your time to learn how it stands to impact you, your life style, and the cost and quality of your food supply. FQPA was first passed by congress in 1996 and required pesticides to be regulated under new and much more complicated risk assessment factors.

But as we have learned with past experiences, there seems to be an immediate conflict as to the credibility of the "scientific evidence" cited by regulators



and chemical companies. For example the Alar Scare, Coffee and carcinogens, and the list goes on and on. The act mandates that all pesticides undergo review and the EPA has determined that the first third of the pesticides including organophosphates (OPS) and Carbonates be reviewed by 1999.

It is probably just a coincidence that these two products are among the oldest and most widely used products in agricul-

ture and the home. So who stands to loose from exercise in power and personal persuasion? All of us!

Keep an eye on what is happening and maybe just as importantly what is not happening and remember "Dose Makes the Poison."

Salt in a high enough dose is deadly.

Now for some good news. The Potter Randall Master Gardeners are in the midst of a great project at the Youth Center of the High Plains.

Thanks to the help of folks in the community, the kids are learning gardening skills and life skills in the project consisting of raised beds bursting with

vegetables under the guidance of Master Gardener Volunteers.

Test your eye with the Beef Quality Challenge in the June issue of BEEF Magazine.

The contest consists of four pens of cattle that were fed at Plainview at C-Bar Feedyard.

Participants will estimate % death loss, average daily gain, quality and yield grade.

There are three age divisions and prizes for those with the best guesses.

4-Hers from across the state are in Aggie Land for state 4-H Roundup this week.

Close to forty 4-Hers not to mention parents and leaders are representing Randall County.

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COUNTY FARM BUREAU for providing the bus for all our participants.

Hats off to those who made the Progressive Farmer Safety Camp for Kids an overwhelming success.

Over 900 kids are better prepared as a result. Lana Skarkey and Liz True were the coordinators.

The Panhandle Agri-Food Masters were a part of Wrangler Day at Rex Reeves School in Canyon.

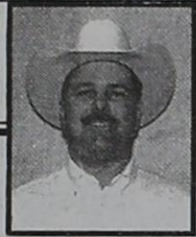
Over 600 kids gained knowledge about agriculture and its impact on our daily lives.

Congratulations to the 12 new Agri-Food Master graduates. See you next month.

J.D. Ragland

FLOYD COUNTY

Howdy folks, straight from downtown Pumpkin Capital USA, Floyd County America. Since our last visit by golly it's turned off dang dry! You know, I often wonder how folks handled it back during the dust bowl days. I often hear horror stories of how it was back then and it makes me have a great amount of appreciation for the folks that survived during that time. I guess it'll rain, it always has, question is when? I've put my order in and I know many others have too. Ag wise in Floyd County corn, seed maize and peanuts are all planted and up; but need a rain. About 65% of the cotton has been planted



throughout the county but only under irrigation. Dryland is going to have to wait until mother nature brings us some moisture. Wheat has all headed, turned color, it too could sure use some rainfall. It's awfully hard to predict wheat yields at this time, but prices don't look good and no big rallies are expected. Right now there's nothing that a good general rain wouldn't cure!

On an interesting note, it was most amazing to me the other day when our District 2 Ag Agents toured a new dairy near Amherst in Lamb County. It seems a

Portales, New Mexico Businessman and long time dairymen develops new dairies, stocks them with cows, hires all the employment, then sells the dairy. Most of the dairies he builds cost from 5 - 7 million dollars. He also says he's got folks lined up waiting to buy them. I never really thought about it much until the other day, but dairy's are a great economic impact on a community. Employment, utilities as well as farmer support, cause they buy all their food locally. He also stated that the area from Plainview to the New Mexico line is ideal for Dairy Farming primarily due to water availability and localized grain production.

I guess the hard thing for me to digest is the financing part. He claims that there's not a bank in

the world that wouldn't finance a dairy. So I posed an interesting question. How does a financial institution not bat an eye on a 7 million dollar a year dairy loan and finds it hard sometimes to finance a farmer raising 100 acres of cotton.

The answer is easy according to the businessman. It all has to do with instant monthly income return. It was certainly an eye opener to me!

Hard to figure, but looks like the dairy industry could be moving to our area.

In other areas of County Agent work in Floyd County, Result Demonstrations being put in at a steady pace and 4-H'ers busy as we get ready for State Roundup, June 1 - 5 in College Station. We're taking 19 this year from

Floyd County. Also getting ready for camps such as Leader Lab and Electric Camp. I can't wait til Electric Camp, June 15 - 19 in Cloudcroft, N. M. cause this year I have to go as an advisor.

Kind of makes a lot of the parents nervous sending me off with their kids for a week. Heck, I went 5 times when I was a 4-H'er, I know all the tricks. But, I promise you we'll have a great time.

Well better sign off here, got-a-get ready for an Executive Board Meeting.

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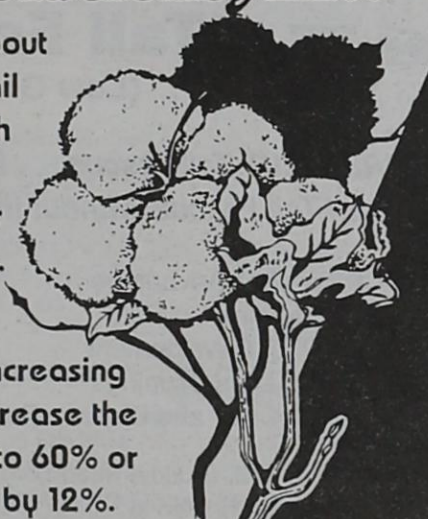
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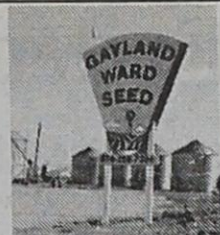
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Seed Resource to produce genetically improved fiber digestible forage sorghum

Tulia based Seed Resource Inc., is preparing to release a new genetically improved forage sorghum that could significantly alter Midwestern cattle feed management and dairy programs. Cattle and dairy producers have previously relied on traditional forage sorghums.

Seed Resource General manager Gary Regner said the initial response and interest from cattlemen and dairymen who have tried the new brown midribbed forage sorghum (BMR) has far exceeded company expectations.

The company expects to produce a million pounds of the sorghum in the summer of 1998.

"Dairy farms and cattle producers who have already used the BMR have been able to see the difference (in their dairy cows' milk production) relatively quickly," Regner said.

This summer's initial release of the genetically improved forage sorghum is expected to reach 5,000 to 7,000 pounds, according to Regner. He said nearly all of the new sorghum product is being grown in Panhandle area fields south, north and west of Tulia.

Recent tests conducted by University of Nebraska nutritionists on lactating dairy cows have shown that the BMR 100 sorghum forage has significantly improved ruminant fiber digestions in feed cattle.

Their tests showed that its heightened digestibility improved feed efficiency under feedlot conditions and thus increased milk production in the test dairy cattle. Regner said Texas Tech University has also agreed to do further testing on the new product.

The Nebraska tests also demonstrated that the daily milk value based on 12 cents a pound, increased to \$6.42 for cows fed the BMR 100 forage sorghum in contrast to a \$5.78 daily value with cows fed the traditional forage sorghum, a \$.64 cent increase.

Milk production, feed intake, feed cost, average return over feed cost and the value of the BMR sorghum over traditional sorghum forage all showed increases in the Ne-

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Gary Regner

braska study. The new sorghum does cost more to produce. Traditional forage sorghum is planted at around eight pounds per acre and costs about \$25 per 50 pounds of seed for a per-acre cost of \$4.

The BMR 100 planted at eight pounds per acre costs about \$95 per 50 pounds of seed for a per-acre cost of \$15.20. The cost difference of \$11.20 is offset by the added value of \$24.80 per ton or \$248 per acre more at a 10-ton-per-acre forage yield, according to the Nebraska study.

"This means \$236.80 extra profit per acre," the study reported. Regner explained that from a technical standpoint, lignin and cellulose make up the essential structural parts of the plant's woody tissue. "These two organic substances strengthen the forage stalk but also make the stalk less digestible," he said. Reducing the amount of lignin thus improves digestion.

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The researchers studied the chemical composition, lactational performance, ruminal fermentation and fiber digestibility of the test forages to reach their conclusions.

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In addition to Nebraska, Kansas and other Midwestern states, Regner said distribution of the new feed product will hopefully be to beef cattle and dairy industry producers throughout Texas and the Southeastern U.S. The new product will be marketed under Nevada-based AgriBio Tech, Inc.

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Chad Byrd, an agronomist with Seed Resource, looks over a test field of BMR 100 forage sorghum.

Regner said seed processing, marketing and distribution to growers will probably take until the following February. He stressed that Seed Resource is not really in the marketing business and so far has been depending on positive word of mouth for the initial success of the product launching.

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